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Welcome to InTheNews – covering all the FM news you may have missed over the last week:

NHS Shared Business Services has launched its second-generation [Hard Facilities Management framework](#) agreement worth £800m.

The second iteration of the organisation's highly successful framework is designed to respond to the need within the NHS for high-quality, innovative and cost-effective solutions, which help NHS trusts manage their estates successfully.

In other opportunities, Pagabo has announced its latest procurement offering has officially gone live.

The Soft Facilities Management Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) – which has an anticipated full-term value of £100m – provides a compliant procurement system for a wide range of facilities management works, including cleaning, catering, washroom and hygiene services, pest control, security, and waste management and recycling.

In research, the Fawcett Society has released findings of the largest ever survey of menopausal women. [This landmark study](#), sponsored by the Wates Group, reveals a shocking lack of basic support and damaging stigma which mean the needs of menopausal women are being ignored in the workplace and by

healthcare providers.

The study shows the majority of women (77%) find at least one menopause symptom 'very difficult' with women most likely to say they find sleeping (84%), brain fog (73%), and anxiety or depression (69%) difficult. 44% of women in employment say their ability to work has been affected and 52% say they have lost confidence.

In other research, according to a new Deloitte Global report: '[Women @ Work: A global outlook](#)' – stress, burnout, and limited chances to advance are driving women away from their employers.

The UK survey revealed a decline in women's mental wellbeing: 47% of women say their stress levels are higher than they were a year ago, while almost half (46%) feel burned out and 47% say their mental health is 'poor' or 'very poor'.

In business, Mitie has announced that it has acquired 8point8 Support Limited, 8point8 Training Limited and Vantage Solutions Limited (collectively "8point8"), a leading provider of design and construction services in the UK, predominantly for mobile telecoms tower infrastructure.

The total consideration is £10m and the acquisition will be accretive to earnings and funded through existing facilities.

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