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## **Informational Notice: DSB Removal of Virtual Private Network (VPN) Connectivity Option via FIX API**

**Audience: DSB UAT, UAT2, and Production Users Utilizing VPN Connectivity**

### **Notification details:**

The DSB will be removing the VPN connectivity option from the supported list of connectivity options for the OTC ISIN Service with effect from **1st January 2023**. Existing users who are connected via VPN will need to transfer to an alternative connectivity option before this date. In addition, the DSB will no longer accept new requests to connect to the OTC ISIN Service via VPN.

### **Background:**

The question to remove VPN connectivity from the cost recovery ring fence was included as part of the DSB's 2022 Industry Consultation exercise for the 2023 OTC ISIN service provision, the final consultation report can be found [here](#).

The feedback from the consultation on this topic was discussed with the TAC members at the June 2022 meeting. The TAC recommended the removal of this connectivity option from cost recovery with the caveat that this option would be reconsidered should there be a significant shift in popularity regarding VPN in the future. The meeting pack, recording and minutes of this meeting are available from the [TAC's website](#).

The DSB Board approved the TAC's recommendation in July 2022 noting that the DSB would not be offering VPN as a commercial service as due to the significant reduction in numbers this was not a viable option.

**Impact to users:**

DSB users who currently use VPN connectivity to connect to any of the DSB's customer facing environments (UAT, UAT2, Production) will not be able to connect to these environments after the 31st December 2022.

DSB users who do not use VPN connectivity will be unaffected by this change.

**Action Required:**

DSB users who are connected to any of the DSB's customer facing environments (UAT, UAT2 and Production) via the VPN connectivity option must transfer to another connectivity option before 1st January 2023. Users should be mindful of any year-end change freezes that may restrict change around this time.

The DSB will work directly with the users who are impacted by this change so that they can migrate to the other connectivity options currently supported by DSB.

If further assistance or clarification is needed regarding this notification please contact [technical.support@anna-dsb.com](mailto:technical.support@anna-dsb.com).

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