

## Entrepreneur relocates to bigger offices – with his dog

Compared to the towering glass and steel buildings in London, which house some of the biggest companies, it was rather a modest set-up.

For eight years entrepreneur David Waters ran his insurance firm from a shed at the bottom of his garden, with room for three staff and pet dog Jeb.

Despite his unorthodox headquarters, the business flourished after its launch in 1997, with offices soon opening up in Christchurch, Dorset and West Yorkshire.

Eventually, with eight employees under his wing, David realised it was time to relocate Care Home Insurance Services (CHIS) to bigger offices in Brighton.

The move to Edward Street saw staff relocate from Christchurch. While it means David will no longer have to wear wellies to get to work on rainy days, the upheaval has proved more difficult for his pooch.

He said: "Working in the back garden meant that Jeb was in his element. He could sit with me while I worked, or go outside and play.

"Being in the centre of Brighton isn't quite so much fun for him but he's coming to terms with it. The team in the office take him out for walks and spoil him rotten."

CHIS is a specialist insurance service for owners of residential and nursing care homes. It now has more than 1,500 clients.

David said: "I felt it was important to have an office that reflected our professional approach to our clients".

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