



Network Defence Keeps Accord Housing's Network Safe as Houses

25 November, 2008 – The Accord Housing Association has deployed a real-time web security solution from Cheshire-based IT and data security experts Network Defence, to secure its corporate business information and increase employee productivity.

The unified threat management system recommended and implemented by Network Defence has been rolled out to 300 users to protect against web-borne threats and identify and prevent abuse of the company network.

Ian Tinsley, information systems manager for Accord Housing, said: "We have worked with Network Defence before and know how reliable and competent they are when it comes to recommending and deploying robust security solutions.

"The solution they have provided has given us exactly what we wanted. As well as protecting the network it has enabled us to run monthly and on-the-spot reports detailing or quizzing user activity. Importantly it has also enabled us to comply with strict housing industry security audit policies."

As part of the installation Network Defence assessed Accord Housing's requirements and implemented a Finjan NG5100 appliance and Watchguard firewall combined with a Network Defence managed service.

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About Network Defence

Based in the North West, Network Defence is a leading IT and Data security consultancy that works with a range of companies in different markets to improve overall IT security and business efficiency saving time and money. www.networkdefence.com

About The Accord Group

The Accord Group is a family of six organisations which work together to provide outstanding homes and services to 30,000 people across the Midlands. The partners are Accord and Ashram housing associations, the bchs community regeneration agency, Fry Housing Trust, Redditch Co-operative Homes and Moseley & District Churches Housing Association.

Accord is one the largest housing associations within the West Midlands Region, specialising in involving customers and communities in identifying and providing innovative and enterprising solutions to housing and community needs. Offices are based in Darlaston, Coventry, West Bromwich, Birmingham, and Redditch.