



Aintree University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Delivers Secure Flexible Working to Employees

Secure remote access solution from Network Defence enables Trust employees to work from home with an easy-to-use and cost effective solution

30 September, 2009 - Aintree University Hospitals NHS Trust has deployed a new secure remote computer access solution from leading IT security specialist Network Defence. The new solution will enable cost-effective flexible working for staff working off site or from home, with much higher security than before.

In order to enable remote working for its employees whilst ensuring patient and other sensitive data was protected, the Trust required a solution that provided strong security, which incorporated secure connectivity and strong authentication, and was easy for employees to use.

The new solution from Network Defence enables Aintree University Hospitals NHS Trust to provide remote access to a much larger number of employees than before, at the fraction of the cost of the previous solution.

A key benefit of the solution is that, as well as providing a robust level of remote access security, it gives the Trust close management over users' access, giving them the ability to grant or restrict access rights depending on individual needs. Additionally, the solution is able to accommodate third party access if required by the organisation.

Ward Priestman Informatics director at Aintree University Hospitals NHS Trust, said: "Keeping patient information and Trust data secure is of utmost importance, and we are always looking for methods to maintain data security. Network Defence has given us a tailored solution, which gives us a cost-effective way to keep sensitive information secure.

“Having worked previously with Network Defence we know their expertise and knowledge ensures we get the solution that is right for us. The new remote access solution means that we can now offer our employees a more flexible approach to working without worrying about whether our data is at risk. Other NHS Trusts have already approached us to ask about the security measures we have taken, so we hope that we are setting the standard for others to follow.”

As part of the deployment Network Defence implemented the AppGate Security Server solution with Nordic Edge two factor authentication. The solution securely accesses the protected network from a remote device using authentication, encryption and access restriction.

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Caption: Aintree University Hospitals NHS Trust uses secure remote access solution from Network Defence to enable secure flexible working for staff

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