



**The Prescription for Success: Network Defence Delivers Secure Virtual Private Network Solution for Capio Healthcare UK**  
*Leading UK healthcare provider chooses AppGate VPN solution to give senior management secure remote access to corporate applications*

**06 October, 2005** - Capio Healthcare UK, a leading provider of independent hospital services across the UK, has installed a secure virtual private network solution from AppGate in a project designed and carried out by systems integrator Network Defence.

Capio Healthcare UK, which has over 3,000 employees in the UK, needed a secure solution which would give third parties controlled access to their applications, to provide support and maintenance. The VPN solution from AppGate has addressed this need.

Centrally managed from the UK group's headquarters in Bedford, AppGate's VPN solution uses SSH protocol, giving authorised users access to applications through password authentication and RSA SecurID. User traffic is protected through encryption and tunnelling to enforce the group's security policies.

VPN installation has increased flexibility and efficiency for secure third party management at Capio Healthcare UK.

Capio Healthcare UK's IT Manager David Fudge first saw the AppGate solution showcased by Network Defence at Infosecurity 2005, and was impressed by the powerful functionality of the product. Network Defence installed a demonstration solution within two weeks of the show, which proved so successful that Capio decided to purchase the AppGate solution on a permanent basis.

Fudge said: “The AppGate solution is already delivering real and tangible benefits to users, and has proven easy to set up and manage, with no modifications to our operating system required and virtually no training.

“What’s more, we have been delighted with the expertise and quality of support provided by Network Defence. Deployment was rapid – just three days turn around from requesting a trial of the solution to installation and configuration, with prompt, on-going support provided by Network Defence during the roll-out.”

AppGate’s secure VPN access solution can deliver a number of key benefits, including a centrally managed personal firewall option that protects remote devices from hacking attempts, and support for almost every client platform including Windows, Linux, smart phones and PDAs.

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