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Connect Communicate Collaborate

NHS TRUST SECURE TOP OF THE RANGE TECHNOLOGY TO PROTECT USERS AND BOOST COMMUNICATIONS

COMPANY PROFILE

Somerset Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (SOMPAR) provides a wide range of integrated community health, mental health, learning disability and social care services to people of all ages.

Their aim is to provide the care and support needed for all the health conditions they treat.

The Trust employs over 3,800 staff, and has a turnover of £158 million. They provide a wide range of integrated community health, mental health, learning disability and social care services to people of all ages in over 100 sites across the county.

COMPANY OBJECTIVES

- Improve intersite communications in a secure manner
- Increase WiFi availability across all sites
- Source and procure a secure and reliable email archiving platform.

PRODUCT/SERVICES:

- Site-to-site connectivity
- Wireless Access Points
- Email Archiving

SECTOR:

NHS - PUBLIC HEALTHCARE

WEBSITE:

www.sompar.nhs.uk

The Challenge

SOMPAR required private and dedicated internet connections between their sites in the South West. A point of emphasis for SOMPAR was a hassle-free installation process, something they have struggled with from other suppliers which resulted in both financial and operational issues. As with any Public Sector organisation, keeping expenditure at a minimum was a big contributing factor in the selection process.

The Solution

Stream Networks provisioned multiple "Point-to-Point" internet connections to ensure all of SOMPAR's main sites were connected to each other which allowed for easy data transfer in a secure and reliable manner.

Our operations and provisioning teams used their industry experience to manage the installations to ensure that the process was meticulously planned and executed.

Using this process we ensured that the internal staff at SOMPAR could minimise disruption to their schedules and workload by planning appointments local to each other in consecutive time slots. This ensured the circuits were provisioned on time, and within budget.

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IT SYSTEMS MANAGER
SOMPAR

The Results

Tony Ashworth, IT Systems Manager at SOMPAR commented "Working with Stream Networks was of great benefit to the Trust. We streamlined the installation process of our services compared to previous suppliers and were delighted to be up and running, and enjoy significant cost savings in no time.

ABOUT STREAM NETWORKS

Stream Networks has been built for business use, enabling our customers to leverage the power of our 10GB network capacity and benefit from our peering agreements by lowering costs and increasing bandwidth.

Our core is built using Cisco and Juniper to provide a fully meshed network between four key UK Data Centres, at which point we extend our footprint with our peering agreements and connections into the major carriers. Our network is managed and monitored 24x7x365 to ensure your business stays connected.

With a significant capital investment in our high availability Cloud infrastructure (which continues to grow each year), businesses are able to realise the benefits of moving computing to the cloud whilst knowing their data is secure, UK-based, and available 24x7x365. Based in our core UK Data Centres, each cluster is designed to provide 100% uptime, and comprises the latest in replicated storage arrays, network capacity, and processing power, all built using VMware's HA HyperVisor.