

# Nemisys wins Connexions (Bedfordshire and Luton) contract

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New media agency Nemisys Enterprises has been awarded the contract to manage the implementation of the Bedfordshire Connexions partnership's ICT services. The agency takes on responsibility for appointing internet, software, communications and hardware suppliers to the Bedfordshire branch of the government agency, which is bringing much of its operations in-house.

The contract is split into two distinct areas. Nemisys' main role will be to help Connexions (Bedfordshire) migrate from an outsourced model to direct delivery. Currently services for young people are subcontracted to external agencies and most advisors work remotely. They are now to be employed directly by Connexions and based at five sites. Nemisys will be responsible for all ICT aspects including specifying and sourcing all hardware and software including: networking, IP phone systems, mobile and wireless communications, IT security and staff training. Nemisys will also be advising on the appropriate deployment of web technologies to improve service delivery for Connexions.

The second aspect of the contract involves appointing and project managing a specialist supplier to integrate and build a remote access Citrix solution into the Bedfordshire and Luton and Berkshire databases so that the counties' many staff and advisors can share confidential records securely across the Internet.

Dr Mark Smith, chairman of Nemisys Enterprises said:

"We already work for the Children's Fund and other organizations specializing in information provision to young people. The work with Bedfordshire Connexions brings another dimension to our client portfolio and illustrates how hands-on a dynamic new media consultancy can be."

Notes for editors:

Nemisys Enterprises ([www.nemisys.uk.com](http://www.nemisys.uk.com)) is a new media and marketing consultancy which specialises in large internet projects. The company has a varied client base comprising charities, government departments and commercial organisations. Clients include the Mental Health Foundation, Winston's Wish, Dame Stephanie Shirley, Hewlett-Packard, Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs, British Paralympic Association, Bedfordshire County Council and the National Evaluation of the Children's Fund.

Connexions is the government's support service for all young people aged 13 to 19 in England. The service aims to provide integrated advice, guidance and access to personal development opportunities for this group and to help them make a smooth transition to adulthood and working life. Connexions joins up the work of six government Departments and their agencies and organisations on the ground, together with private and voluntary sector groups and youth and careers services. It brings together all the services and support young people need during their teenage years. It offers practical help with choosing the right courses and careers, including access to broader personal development through activities like sport, performing arts and volunteering activities.

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