

Staffordshire Schools Lock Down Data with DESlock

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- Staffordshire Learning Technologies teams up with leading data encryption solutions provider, DESlock to enable Staffordshire schools to safeguard their data

Taunton, UK, 24th January 2013 - DESlock Limited, the UK leader in data encryption solutions, has announced impressive results from its work with Staffordshire County Council. The Council's "Staffordshire Learning Technologies" (SLT) arm selected DESlock for its cloud service, its ability to secure communications across public networks, and was impressed with the customer care it received from the team. SLT provides AV and ICT services to the county's schools and also manages the use of data encryption software DESlock+, meaning that the schools do not need to undertake any management tasks, but can rest assured that their data is secure. The Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) guidance recommends guarding your data against compromise, and SLT looked into encrypting data on a server operating system, as one of many ways to safeguard the data. DESlock+ met all their requirements and SLT have implemented this solution.

Kevin Percy, UK Business Development Manager for DESlock explains "All schools in the UK hold sensitive information about their staff, pupils and associates – they also have to comply with many regulatory standards with regards to protecting this information. Information is transmitted between departments on a regular basis, so it's crucial that the data is adequately protected. The benefits of using DESlock+ don't end there though, SLT have since found that, rather than just being able to meet statutory audit requirements, they can now offer an encryption service for mobile devices within the schools too – an added bonus for no extra cost!"

Staffordshire Learning Technologies provides a full range of consultancy, design, installation, training and support services with the primary aim of delivering high quality, cost effective Information and Communication Technology (ICT) services to learning establishments. SLT is the trusted advisor to over 400 schools in Staffordshire and is increasing its customer focus, making its processes more efficient using Systems Thinking (Lean) methodologies. SLT is applying its set of operating principles to give its customers the ICT systems, equipment, tools and information to enable them to do their jobs.

Andy Arnold, CS Team Leader of System Solutions at SLT comments: "Apart from the functionality, one of the key reasons for using DESlock+ is that the local server is synchronised to DESlock's cloud service. This means that in the event of any outage or unforeseen disaster, the cloud service will continue to manage clients and enable swift recovery of the local server. Another driving feature was that DESlock+ deals with secure client communications across the public network without the need for firewall configuration at our datacenter." He continues: "We hold bi-annual seminars and regularly present sessions to over 200 school representatives on the importance of data protection for mobile devices. As a service provider and working to service-level agreements, it's reassuring that we can recommend, procure, commission and support an encryption solution which helps keep continuity across Staffordshire educational establishments, reducing overall costs."

To find out more about the company and its products, please visit www.deslock.com, or call 0808 100 1233.

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Notes to Editors

DESlock Limited launched into the UK market in April 2012 under its own identity, having previously been part of Data Encryption Systems Ltd (DES). DESlock Ltd, raised £0.5 million in growth capital through Shackleton Ventures, Silver Cloud Ventures Ltd, directors and staff to purchase the rights of sale for award winning encryption and Data Leakage Prevention tool DESlock+. DESlock Ltd markets and supports products used by tens of thousands of businesses worldwide to protect applications, copyrighted materials, medical records, government files and other confidential and personal information. The company's flagship product, DESlock+, has been awarded SC Magazine's Best Buy for three successive years and was also the winner of Computing Security's Encryption Product of the Year.