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Stockport NHS Foundation Trust

Equipping NHS employees for faster and more secure internet access - 2e2 delivers high performance, accountable N3 access for Stockport NHS Foundation Trust Stockport NHS Foundation Trust has extended their relationship with 2e2 to include the BlueCoat Systems Internet cache appliance and web filter solutions. The solution will allow Stockport NHS Foundation Trust to take control of the internet traffic over their N3 link, preventing inappropriate web usage, and potential legal liability while actually improving web performance, security and reporting.

As part of a strategic Security and Risk review, Stockport NHS Foundation Trust identified several areas of the IT infrastructure that supports their 4000 employees over 1800 PC desktops in need of improvement. One of these areas highlighted the need to provide a highly available and resilient access strategy to N3. The Trust had for a long time recognised the need to provide accountable internet access and local caching of content. As more and more of the Trusts systems are delivered over the web, Stockport NHS Foundation Trust prioritised finding an appropriate solution to this problem.

When Stockport NHS Foundation Trust were identifying a suitable solution, a number of attributes were essential. It firstly needed a solution that guaranteed 24x7x365 access to the internet and internet based medical resources. They also required SSL traffic filtering and control, integration with their AUP and automated reporting of KPIs to designated managers.

As a valued customer of 2e2, Stockport NHS requested that 2e2 provide a detailed proposal of the technology and professional services required to deliver and configure the required solution. Following an in-depth review of potential solutions from multiple vendors by Stockport NHS Foundation Trust, BlueCoat were chosen to partner with 2e2 to deliver their SG Proxy 810 Solution BlueCoat's solution offered two key benefits. The first was BlueCoats "Fail to Wire" technology, which meant that even if the power to





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Terence Greer King, Head of Security at 2e2 said "We are delighted to partner with BlueCoat to present the best solution for Stockport NHS Foundation Trust. 2e2 have been working with Stockport for the last few years and this most recent project strengthens our relationship with both Stockport NHS Foundation Trust and the NHS Sector. This solution allows employees of the trust to have access to their medical information 24 hours a day across the internet, secure and efficiently."

Bob Barton, Manager IT Services at Stockport Foundation NHS Trust said "Stockport NHS Foundation Trust has been working with 2e2 since 2006 to host our financial applications. Their large security estate has enabled us to choose the best solution to our business problem and partner with one of the leading security vendors, BlueCoat. BlueCoat's "Fail to Wire" technology meant that even if the power to the BlueCoat solution failed, our employees would still be able equipped to access all external resources".

NHS Foundation Trusts (often referred to as 'foundation hospitals') are at the cutting edge of the Government's commitment to the decentralisation of public services and the creation of a patient-led NHS. NHS Foundation Trusts are a new type of NHS Trust in England and have been created to devolve decision making from central Government control to local organisations and communities so they are more responsive to the needs and wishes of their local people.

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