

OLC aides University of Aberdeen in secure data transit

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The University of Aberdeen were looking at different methods of implementing secure mobile access to business systems so that staff could benefit from mobile working without the concern of information becoming compromised through loss or theft. Staff at the University carried commercially valuable research and students' work on USB sticks containing personal data, which would not only be a headache in terms of lost time if misplaced, but could also expose sensitive information.

Brian Henderson, Head of Service Delivery, says: *"We had an existing relationship with OLC (The Education Sector Specialists at SBL). They provide us with our Microsoft Licenses. As specialists in Information Assurance solutions and their vendor independence we approached OLC to advise us on the most suitable solution for us."*

OLC has many years experience in providing their customers with encryption solutions. They work with their customers to understand the importance of the project and advise on best practice guidelines.

After analysing the needs of the University, OLC introduced BlockMaster SafeSticks which are already widely used across the public sector, following deployment at more than 100 NHS hospitals. The high standard of encryption, and focus on ease of use meant that they were the right partner for Aberdeen.

Brian added: *"Working in partnership with OLC we have successfully deployed 200 4GB SafeSticks to our key staff. The SafeSticks have been extremely well received with the fast load times making the rollout and adoption quick and painless for everyone."*

"We recently had a member of staff forget their password. In a normal situation they would have just reached for a new device. However, within minutes we reset the SafeStick through the SafeConsole and restored access to the data. The amount of time this has saved our staff is invaluable."

"By implementing SafeSticks we are secure in the knowledge that all our data stored on SafeSticks is protected and there is no risk of losing it whilst on the move. Staff have been so impressed with the SafeStick that we are now looking at ordering 8GB and 24GB drives so we can store larger files."

Please contact the Education team at OLC for further information and advice.