

“What Works”: iNetwork Innovation Awards 2015

Title	Becrypt tVolution Mini for Child Protection
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Description of project

Cheshire West & Chester Council have recently deployed a third party web based system which enables all relevant data surrounding a child to be centrally managed by the multiple agencies involved in child protection – including police, schools, doctors and child protection services.

To align with UK Government regulations around the PSN infrastructure and the key principles of data security when accessing official information from remote and third party locations, the Council chose Becrypt’s tVolution Mini.

tVolution Mini enables the web application to be accessed via authorised, secure logins enabling the multiple agencies involved in child protection to benefit from collaborative, timely and informed decision making based on a shared understanding of the full 360 degree view of a child.



What makes this initiative remarkable?

tVolution Mini provides the Council with a secure, managed endpoint that ultimately helps us to meet our safeguarding targets. We can share up to date information amongst the key parties, which helps us to act faster and protect those children who may be at risk.

The success of tVolution Mini for Cheshire West & Chester Council demonstrates best practice amongst multi-agency working across government departments. It is extremely cost effective and enables information to be accessed safely and securely, reducing the risk of data being shared inappropriately. In recent years adult and child protection has been a top priority for councils.

New government guidelines in the Working Together Framework have recommended that councils review how safeguarding information on adults and children is managed and shared amongst the key agencies. tVolution Mini is a huge step forward in driving this agenda and demonstrates good practice in multi-agency working.

¹ Based on the Local Government Service List.
<http://standards.esd.org.uk/?uri=list%2FenglishAndWelshServices&tab=downloads>

What has the project achieved?

Because tVolution Mini is centrally managed it means the endpoint can be secured easily, issuing new passwords or restricting access if necessary. The PSN guidelines dictate that access to a Council's infrastructure must only be through a secure managed endpoint. For Cheshire West & Chester Council this posed a real challenge, for which tVolution Mini was the only solution that solved the key challenges of security, cost and usability.

The tVolution Mini devices are deployed one to each agency that requires secure access to the data as part of its Child Protection Services. A secure miniature computer smaller than a mobile phone, tVolution Mini plugs directly into a monitor or TV and, along with a keyboard, mouse and wireless internet access, enables user-friendly fully-managed secure remote access to the Councils' on premise infrastructure.

Video case study:

<http://devolution.i-network.org.uk/effective-information-sharing-security-award-finalist-videos/>

Links:

<https://www.becrypt.com/uk/products/thin-client-and-vdi/tvolution-mini>

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