

Streamlined Door Access Control using Active Directory

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THE INTEGRATION CHALLENGE

→ NHS Professionals wanted to fully integrate door access control with IT access management to minimize workload when adding or removing staff members, and avoid unnecessary replication of user data. The organisation relies on a sophisticated virtualised IT infrastructure to manage its business and were looking for a IP network based system to facilitate direct integration.

Taking the opportunity to get an improved door access control solution in the move to a new site, NHS Professionals needed a system with easy to install door controls that would be compatible with their existing door access photo identity cards, to provide continuity through the planned office move.

THE UNIFIED SOLUTION

"The EdgeConnector solution was a perfect fit for our requirements. It was easy to install and we were up and running with a fully online, secure door access solution within hours of the controllers and locks being fitted to the doors.

As soon as we moved offices, we were able use our existing user directory structures to apply and modify our physical access rules to suit our business."

Craig Fleming

Lead Technical Architect at NHS Professionals

NHS Professionals IT staff installed the EdgeConnector software which quickly added physical access management capabilities to their existing Microsoft Active Directory IT access control database. With wireless locks and door controllers that use Power-over-Ethernet (PoE) to minimise cabling requirements, ten doors were easily installed by an existing contractor, including card readers that provide the flexibility to handle multiple card technologies.

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