



A collaboration of five local authorities based in Surrey uses Egress Email and File Protection to share confidential information securely and cost-effectively



In response to continued measures across the Public Sector to improve efficiency and reduce costs, as well as increased pressure to protect sensitive shared information and manage compliance, local authorities throughout the UK are seeking to replace conventional methods of communication, such as post and fax, with secure electronic solutions for email and file transfer.



Recognising the benefits of a collaborative approach to service procurement, five local authorities in Surrey have taken advantage of a joint framework to implement the market-leading encryption solution, Egress Email and File Protection.



The local authorities that took advantage of the procurement framework include: Elmbridge Borough Council, Epsom and Ewell Borough Council, Reigate and Banstead Borough Council, Runnymede Borough Council, and Spelthorne Borough Council.



ICT Partnerships Officer for the Surrey boroughs Stuart Mitchenall explains: "We assessed the common need of local authorities in

Comply with regulation

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Increase efficiency and cost savings

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Joint procurement approach

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The first, and currently only, Government CPA Foundation Grade certified email encryption product, Email and File Protection is approved for sharing sensitive information up to OFFICIAL and OFFICIAL SENSITIVE across the internet inside and outside UK Government. In addition, Email and File Protection enables organisations to comply with data security standards by scanning email content, prompting users to apply encryption measures or automatically encrypting shared information based on an individual organisation’s security policy. Moreover, package restrictions and the ability to revoke access enables users to, if necessary, place limitations on what recipients can do with the information that is shared with them.

Commenting on the announcement, Egress UK Sales Manager Kelly McCann states: “The Surrey borough council joint procurement of Email and File Protection represents a really positive example of local authorities working together to obtain a common solution to secure electronic communication. This type of collaborative approach will remain a top priority as councils strive to increase efficiency and cost savings, and as the only UK Government CPA Foundation Grade certified email encryption product, Email and File Protection is able to offer the highest levels of information assurance and security currently available on the market.”

About Egress Software Technologies

Egress Software Technologies is the leading provider of privacy and risk management services designed to manage and protect unstructured data.

Offering Government and Enterprise customers a portfolio of complementary services, the Egress platform leverages machine learning led policy management, encryption and eDiscovery to enable end-users to share and collaborate securely, while reducing the risk of loss and maintaining compliance. These award-winning integrated services include email and document classification, accidental send prevention, secure email and file transfer, secure managed file transfer, secure online collaboration and secure archive.

Certified by Government, Egress offers a seamless user experience, powerful real-time auditing and patented information rights management, all accessible using a single global identity.

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