

## The University of Westminster selects Egress encryption services to communicate confidential student and employee data securely



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**Based across six Central London locations and providing courses to more than 20,000 students, the University of Westminster identified the need to encrypt the sensitive student and employee data shared by and between different departments.** With numerous employees already members of the Egress' trusted network, a community of paying and free subscribers communicating securely using a single global identity, the university recognised the advantages of formally integrating Egress Protect into their existing infrastructure.

### The challenge

Ashley Pereira, Information Security Officer at the University of Westminster, explains: "Initially, our requirement came from our Overseas Department, who organise student placements at the university, as well as study periods abroad for UK-based students, and consequently needed a mechanism for transferring large volumes of confidential data securely."

### The solution

"We already had a number of free Egress users in our organisation who had been using the system to communicate securely with several London borough councils and we were therefore very aware of how effective it could be," continues Pereira.

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The UK’s only CESG certified email encryption product, Egress Protect offers end-to-end data protection, with the ability to enforce package restrictions and revoke access to sent information extending users’ control over the information they share. End-user verification can also be enhanced using multi-layered authentication: securing sensitive information using information known only to the sender and recipient to apply additional layers of security.

“Since implementing Egress Protect we’ve already seen uptake across the university’s other departments,” continues Pereira. “The HR Department, for example, now uses the solution to protect confidential employee data shared internally. Our next step is to examine further ways to enhance the university approach to data protection using the extended Egress platform, for example Egress Secure Web Form.

Speaking about the announcement, Egress UK Sales Manager Kelly McCann comments: “The University of Westminster’s adoption of Egress Protect reflects a growing trend amongst education providers to communicate sensitive student and employee data securely.

“It is encouraging to see how the use of Egress Protect has increased awareness of the importance of secure communication amongst the university’s employees – and by working closely together, we have been able to implement a solution that not only offers comprehensive data protection but is also a system that they are familiar with.”

## About Egress

Egress takes a people-centric approach to data security – helping users receive, manage and share sensitive data securely to meet compliance requirements and drive business productivity. Using machine learning, Egress ensures information is protected relative to the risk of a data breach and reduces user friction to ensure smooth adoption.

Trusted by enterprise organisations and governments around the globe, Egress’ award-winning platform provides email encryption, secure file transfer and online collaboration services, as well as risk management, accidental send prevention, and compliance auditing and reporting.

Egress is headquartered in London, with regional offices in the UK, the US, Canada and the Netherlands.



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