

Case Study : proxSafe A Massive Success In UK Universities

In recent years Deister Electronic UK has been very successful in providing key management systems to many Universities in the UK.

In fact we have now supplied 10 Universities across the UK with over 30 key cabinets, managing 1500 keys for over 7,000 users.

The Universities of Edinburgh, Winchester, Northumbria, Central Lancashire, Northampton, Hertfordshire, Birmingham, Sunderland, Newcastle and The Unity Academy of Middlesbrough have all purchased proxSafe systems from Deister.

The requirement for Facilities Managers and Security / Safety Managers to manage the issue of keys in a controlled way is crucial to the day to day operation of any University. It is also a requirement to trace the location of a key and for reports to be produced on a regular basis detailing who took what key when, and when it was returned.



Winchester University

Each University is different with its own unique requirements for key management, in most cases the action of taking and returning keys must be a simple and easy operation as this will encourage staff to use the cabinets and embrace the technology.

The contact-less RFID technology we use in our design ensures this is possible, it also proves more reliable over contact based key cabinets which can require regular routine maintenance and cleaning to avoid false alarms and incorrect reads.

We have been able to integrate existing access control cards used by the Universities which allow them to control access to keys without the need to issue separate cards or PIN codes.

Mary Edwards (Winchester University) comments : "we considered other suppliers for key management, but decided on proxSafe because they gave an excellent demonstration and were able to satisfy our requirements in full, we also considered the design and operation of the Maxx Cabinet would be ideal for the location and easy for our staff to use on a day to day basis".

Graham Garfoot (Hertfordshire University) comments : "I first saw the Flexx Cabinet at a trade show in 2008 and was impressed with how simple it was to use, this was crucial for us as we needed the process of taking and returning keys to be easy for all our employees, the illuminated cylinders and quick key return ensures this is possible".



University of Lancashire

At Deister we are confident our success in this market will result in further installations very soon.