

West Nottinghamshire College, UK

West Nottinghamshire College serves the people of Mansfield, Ashfield and beyond by providing the best quality education and training for all ages and abilities from 14 upwards. The College has developed programmes across a very wide range of general and vocational programme areas, in fact everything you would expect a 'typical' FE College to offer, from Computing to Catering, Maths to Media Studies, Social Care to Sport. Around 20,000 learners per year access College programmes. Around 2,500 are full time, with the remainder studying on a variety of part time, day, evening, or flexible provision

The opportunity

The existing print and copy contract was up for renewal, this was the chance to adopt the latest technology and change the way the college had traditionally operated regarding copying and printing. Substantial cost savings, productivity gains and increased service provision for the students and teachers were the factors for change and the college appointed a project team comprised of representatives from all different departments to drive the project through.

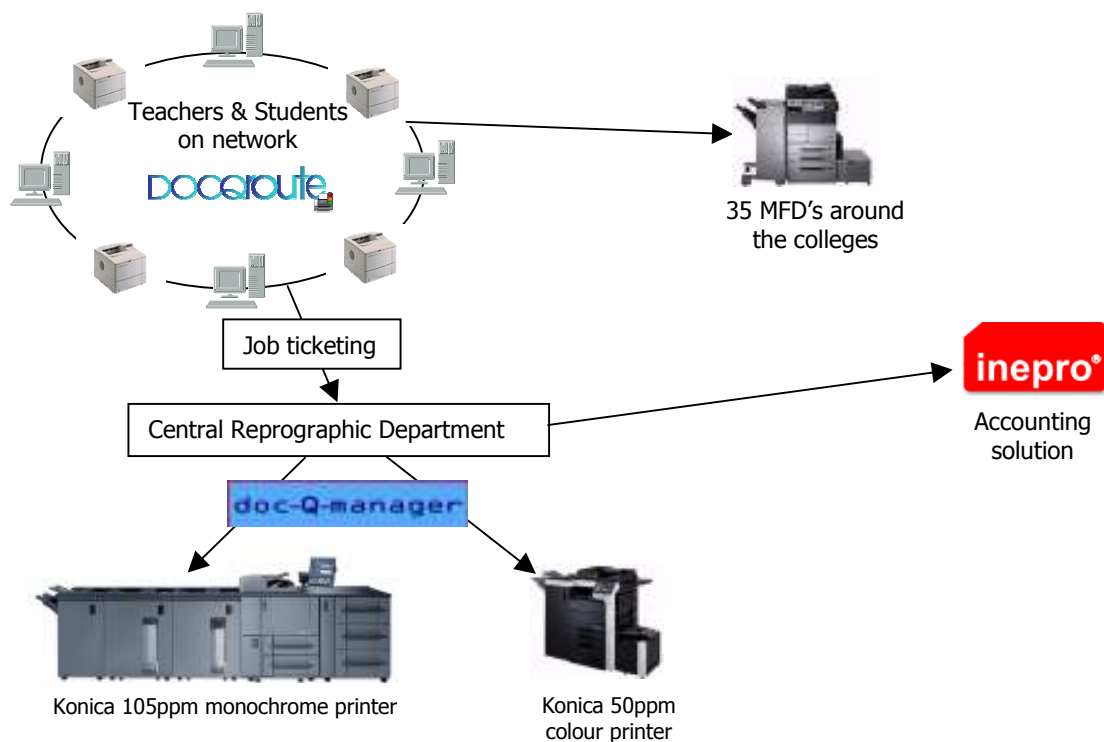
Existing situation

The reprographics department had an analogue copying capability and were facilities managed by Xerox. The main three campuses had some old standalone copiers and around five hundred desktop devices purchased by departments on ad-hoc basis. Accountability was a manual process.

New solution

The college sought advice from three potential suppliers: Xerox the incumbent, NRG and Konica Minolta. The final two suppliers, NRG and Konica-Minolta put up similar solutions. The only difference being the manufacturers hardware and the accounting software. NRG proposed Equitrac and ATI software. Konica-Minolta proposed Inepro for accounting and ATI software. Konica was finally chosen to supply 35 MFD's plus a 105ppm high volume black & white device plus a 50ppm colour printer for the reprographics department.

ATI doc-Q-route software was chosen to route printing away from expensive desktop devices at departmental level, ATI job ticketing to transfer volume document printing to the reprographics department and doc-Q-manager queue management to be able to receive document and transactional print jobs giving the print operator complete control over the final printer choice. Inepro accounting solution was chosen to automatically account for the printing and copying either through using Integrated Card Solutions card readers at the copiers or using ATI's job ticketing at the users desk. Through all parties working together, West Nottinghamshire College are achieving what they set out to deliver, substantial saving, productivity gains and increased service provision for the students and teachers.



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