

PRESS RELEASE

Luton Borough Council Selects Assuria Log Manager

Reading, United Kingdom, December 2010 – Assuria Ltd announced that Luton Borough Council has selected its forensic log management, security intelligence and monitoring solution to help meet the connection requirements of the UK Government GCSX Code of Connection (CoCo) standard.

Local Authorities in England and Wales must communicate with central government agencies via the Government Connect (GC) internal network, which is built around the GCSX network. GCSX (Government Connect Secure Extranet) is a secure, private, Wide Area Network (WAN) which enables secure interactions between connected local authorities and central government departments connected to the Government Secure Intranet (GSI).

In order to ensure that connecting Local Authorities don't introduce vulnerabilities to the GSI, they must prove compliance with the GCSX Code of Connection (CoCo) before their GCSX circuit can be activated. CoCo is a set of minimum IT standards, processes and security controls.

Luton Borough Council is using Assuria's log management and event monitoring solutions to meet the initial and ongoing CoCo requirements. "Achieving and maintaining compliance to CoCo standards is essential for local authorities, but can be technically difficult and time consuming. So, solutions such as Assuria Log Manager (ALM), which have been designed to assist with this and to help implement an IT protective monitoring policy as required by CoCo, simplify and automate the task" said Terry Pudwell, Director at Assuria Ltd.

Organisations are required by CoCo to monitor and record user activity log data, to store it for a minimum of 6 months and to present this data in such a way as to assist incident response activities and other investigations. Achieving this requires an automated solution to collect logs from a wide range of systems and devices across the whole IT infrastructure and to securely store and manage those logs in a central location. Assuria Log Manager has been designed to meet these requirements easily and inexpensively.

"We are delighted to have chosen ALM (Assuria Log Manager) to meet our CoCo compliance requirements for log collection from servers and devices. Assuria was very helpful in completing the installation in a timely manner and our automated log management system was up and running within a few days" said Davina Whitworth, Corporate Strategy Manager at Luton Borough Council.

"Looking ahead, Assuria's ALM solution can easily cope with collecting and managing logs from almost any system or device that Luton Borough Council may implement in the future, thus providing future proofing and a low risk investment for the council" said Pudwell.

Terry Pudwell added "CESG's Good Practice Guide 13 (GPG13) encourage the implementation of protective monitoring frameworks to provide deep intelligence into IT infrastructure activity and Assuria Log Manager is designed specifically to assist with compliance to GPG13 and similar standards, thus offering Luton Borough Council further benefits as compliance becomes a requirement". "At Assuria, we are delighted that a major unitary authority such as Luton Borough Council, with its own strong technical capabilities, has recognised the technical strengths, future proofing and cost effectiveness of Assuria solutions and the ability of Assuria solutions to meet the Authority's CoCo requirements in the shortest possible time".

About Assuria Ltd.

UK based Assuria is a leading cyber security solutions company, with customers in more than 30 countries. Hundreds of major government, defence, financial services and other commercial organisations around the world use Assuria cyber security, compliance and monitoring solutions to maintain control over their IT configurations and to satisfy operational, regulatory and IT security requirements.