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## **IRIS RECOGNITION FIRST FOR SUSSEX HEALTHCARE**

A group of care homes in Sussex has become the first in the UK to install iris recognition technology to monitor and record staff movement.

The technology - supplied by Iris recognition experts Aditech - has been installed in 16 care homes run by Sussex Health Care.

Sue Connett, Head of HR, Payroll & Purchasing, from Sussex Health Care said: "The technology was seen as a way of improving working practices for our staff and ensuring the safety of care home residents."

Prior to installing the iris recognition technology, Sussex Health Care conducted research into which biometric solution would be most practical. It decided that fingerprint technology wasn't suitable because of the powder and cream residue staff sometimes had on their hands. Swipe cards were also unsuitable as it would have been easy for staff to misplace them.

Paul Stanborough, Director of Aditech explained: "Iris recognition technology provides an accurate and user friendly way of monitoring and recording staff movement.

"It is an ideal method of access control for establishments such as care homes, nurseries or schools because it doesn't require anyone to remember a pin number, password or carry a token."

When staff arrive for work they look at the iris reader position at the entrance to the premises and this identifies them and records their entry. Upon leaving they carry out the same function and this records their exit.

### **About Aditech**

Aditech Ltd provide a wide range of Iris Recognition Technology Solutions, including both hardware and software products, to a broad range of markets including police and the leisure industry where the need for accurate identification of individuals is paramount.

In addition, Aditech continues to develop both hardware and software products to be able to provide a seamless integration of an Iris Recognition System into customer applications, such as access control and time & attendance.

### **About Sussex Health Care**

Sussex Health Care is an independent group of care homes based mainly in Sussex. The sixteen homes run by the group offer a range of services focused chiefly on specialist care for adults with physical or learning difficulties (including people with neurological disabilities) and on care for older people (including people who are mentally frail with dementia or Alzheimer's Disease).

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