Authentication

Securing access to endpoint devices is the first line of defence for guarding against unauthorized system access. BDS Solutions provide software that integrates certificates used on the NHS Smartcards with Active Directory. This permits organisations to implement controls requiring users to present their Smartcard when requesting access to specific devices. In secure environments, where speed of system access is paramount, this approach may also be used as the sole method of authentication.

Where use of Smartcards is not appropriate, but additional security over remote access sessions or specific highly-sensitive systems is required, BDS provide additional authentication via software. Working with market leading 1.5/2 factor authentication solutions, BDS offer proven ways of verifying identity without the need to enter passwords or use separate hardware tokens.

These PIN and pattern based solutions offer the most effective way of providing additional authentication factors at the lowest cost.

Handling multiple passwords for the many applications staff use in their day-to-day activities has become a challenge for organisations. Working closely with Active Directory has permitted BDS Solutions to establish procedures for synchronising domain passwords with other systems.

By keeping passwords synchronised, the user does not need to remember so many passwords. BDS also provide password reset solutions that integrate directly with Active Directory without requiring additional security repositories. This enables users to manage passwords from their desktop, or externally via a browser, consistently and equally securely.

For more information please contact BDS Solutions on **01884 33440** or visit **bds-solutions.co.uk**

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