

Capital City College Group

– One of UK’s largest further education providers



CCCG realised
INSTANT CASHFLOW SAVINGS OF 15% with
TOTAL PROJECT SAVINGS OF 76%
on contract renewal in November 2021

Challenges

- With a history dating back to 1828, the group’s formal formation as Capital City College Group (CCCG) in 2016 brought together three colleges with ten centres across London and with it three different mobile phone contracts with three different networks, all with a wide range of contract end dates
- The central Technology, Infrastructure & Service team was faced with varying billing information from the networks, making it very difficult to monitor and manage the 452 mobile phone connections
- The team appointed Billmonitor with a mandate to consolidate CCCG’s mobile phone arrangements down to one network provider and to improve monitoring and reporting while reducing overall costs

Solution

Using the unique Billmonitor software, Billmonitor identified significant cash-saving actions:

- Billmonitor devised a plan for contract consolidation over the next 24 months, taking account of the wide range of contract-end dates
- Billmonitor negotiated a new public sector tariff with the aid of its proprietary software. The software identified dormant connections, which could be disconnected without incurring termination charges, realising cash savings of 15% from the start of the project
- Billmonitor negotiated a new discounted public sector contract, delivering a significant reduction of the monthly cash costs while also securing an increased handset fund. Billmonitor also improved non-financial terms and secured a co-terminus clause to avoid the issue of staggered contract-end dates
- Ongoing monitoring and reporting improved CCCG’s decision making, ensuring that connections were recycled, excessive out-of-allowance costs avoided by using relevant bundles and the need to port connections was minimised

Results

- Significantly simplified mobile phone arrangements with **MONTHLY USAGE AND SPEND ANALYSIS** and **DETAILED COST CENTRE REPORTING** going forward
- **INITIAL CASH SAVING OF 15%** was followed by successive improvements over the project period
- The project delivered total cash cost savings of 78% and a 72% increase in the handset fund, i.e. **TOTAL NET CONTRACT COST SAVINGS OF 76%**

Capital City College Group's profile

Capital City College Group is the largest further education provider in London, and the third largest in the UK, with three colleges – City and Islington College, Westminster Kingsway College and the College of Haringey, Enfield and North East London – and a training arm delivering apprenticeships and courses for employers, Capital City College Training. CCCG also helped found Visionnaires, a social enterprise for entrepreneurs, and 01 Founders, a unique coding school.

Capital City College Group

Established in **1828**

Location: **3 colleges in London with over 25,000 students**

Connections: **c.450**

Employees: **c.1,500**

Delivering cash savings and better expense monitoring

CCCG's central Technology, Infrastructure & Service team identified the need for an improved centralised management and monitoring of the Group's mobile phone arrangements as a key priority. However, the team concluded that this would be a complex exercise and thus decided to appoint Billmonitor to carry out a comprehensive review and develop an implementation strategy. The brief focused on four objectives:

1. Simplify the contractual arrangements and thus improve cost monitoring
2. Reduce monthly cash costs
3. Secure additional handset funds to purchase new hardware
4. Improve financial management through ongoing monitoring and reporting post-implementation

Billmonitor used its unique software to identify the various contract end dates across the main contracts and established a timeline for consolidating the various mobile phone contracts down to just one. Billmonitor's plan started with removing dormant connections that were already out of contract, making immediate savings of about 15% of monthly cash costs. Over the following 18 months, Billmonitor implemented the agreed plan step by step, negotiating new contracts, porting connections, identifying high data users and unusual usage patterns, until the final step of combining the last two mobile contracts into one new agreement.

Besides the benefit of huge cash savings, CCCG's Technology, Infrastructure & Service team was also able to use the sizeable hardware fund to purchase new handsets and tablets, which was very beneficial as remote working increased significantly due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The post-implementation support will also reduce resource requirements as Billmonitor provides reporting and technical support

Commenting on Billmonitor's work, Jeremy Wells, Director of Technology, Infrastructure & Service said:

"We were very impressed with the detailed analysis that Billmonitor was able to produce. The project plan was clear and their ability to produce monthly usage and spend reports were very helpful for our internal decision-making processes.

I don't think that we would have been able to achieve this kind of savings without Billmonitor's support."