

Net2 Access Control Secures Multiple Public Venues Across Sheffield

Type of site:

Leisure/Sports & Entertainment Venues

Location:

Sheffield, UK

Number of users/doors:

- 1000+ users
- 82 doors

Solution required:

- Restrict public access to staff only areas
- Standardise system across all venues
- Improve security

Result:

- Multi-site installation with centralised control and administration
- Remotely control public access to the venue and restricted areas
- Flexibility to manage and amend staff access permissions
- Time & attendance feature logs worked hours and manages shifts
- Reduced costs with more building automation

Six Sites:

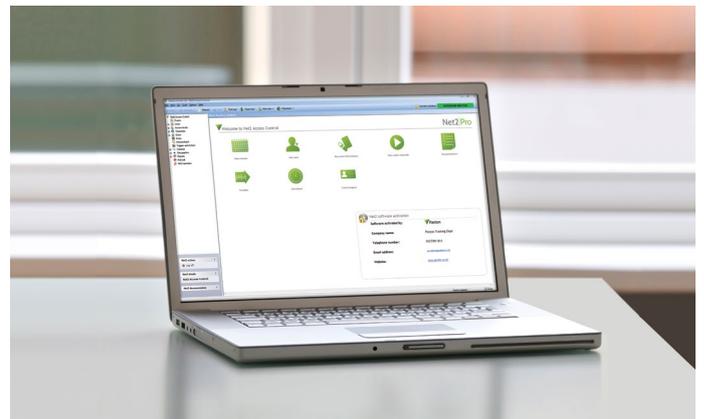
- Ponds Forge International Sports Centre
- Don Valley Stadium
- Concord Sports Centre
- iceSheffield
- English Institute of Sport
- Sheffield City Hall

Paxton products used:

- Net2 Software
- Net2 plus controllers

Integration:

- Fire alarm at all sites



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Sheffield International Venues (SIV) has played a key role in developing the economic, cultural, and sporting profile of the City of Sheffield. As one of the largest sports, leisure and entertainment companies in Europe, SIV now operates 14 venues in Sheffield alone, including the English Institute of Sport, Ponds Forge International Sports Centre and Don Valley Stadium.

Requirements

The nature of these facilities means they are open to the public every day of the week. Tony Hancock, SIV's Security Systems Technician says: "We have to practise a very open policy, however there are some areas at each venue where access should be restricted to staff."

With basic systems already in place across a number of different venues, SIV wanted to standardise access control and improve on security.

Solution

Having used Net2, Paxton's leading access control system in the past, Tony recommended that it should be installed on some of the venues as a trial prior to fitting it to all areas. Ponds Forge, which boasts an Olympic sized swimming pool, amongst the other great facilities, was the first venue to have Net2 installed.

The system has since been gradually rolled out to Don Valley Stadium, Concord Sports Centre, iceSheffield and the English Institute of Sport. Sheffield City Hall is also on the Net2 system, as an SIV-managed facility. Net2 now controls access on 82 doors for over 1000 users across SIV's venues. The management of the system is carried out by the security team at Ponds Forge, and the systems are all connected over



the existing IT network. Martin Sims, SIV's Fire Safety and Security Advisor, says: "It is so much simpler being able to manage each venue from one central location."

The set up and management of the Net2 software was tailored to suit SIV's needs. Each venue is set up as a department in the software and the local staff are given access permissions according to their needs.

With the number of events that take place at each of the venues, Net2 provides the added convenience of easily changing employees' access permissions when necessary.

Result

The main concern for any of the Sheffield International Venue buildings, that are open to the public, is ensuring that access to private areas is restricted, and the Net2 system has enabled the venues to manage this effectively.

Net2 has also helped SIV in a number of other ways. Martin says: "City Hall is often used for hospitality and concerts. We used to have to have someone available to lock up at the end of the evening. With the access control system that is no longer necessary, we just set the affected doors to be open for the period of the concert and to automatically lock at the end of the time period. So the system has brought us some cost savings as well."