

CLF Distribution invests £30k in workforce management technology and streamlines its flexible working

Southampton based wholesaler improves its approach to flexible working and workforce management by implementing Crown Computing's Open Options™ software

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One of the UK's leading wholesalers will soon be able to offer both customers and staff increased flexibility.

Southampton based CLF Distribution, a wholesaler of premium health and nutrition products, has invested £30,000 in Crown Computing's Open Options™ workforce software suite in order to reduce lead times and increase the flexibility it can offer its customers, while sharing these benefits with its team.

This new software gives employees access to real time information allowing them to manage their time more effectively and with greater flexibility, thereby increasing productivity.

The Open Options™ modules used by CLF include; Time and Attendance, Activity Manager and Employee Self Service (ESS) and includes integration with CLF's Sage payroll application. The software has also been combined with AccuTime Solutions' biometric finger print scanners.

Robin Holiday, Managing Director of CLF, said while it is difficult to quantify the return on investment at this stage, feedback and the initial efficiency improvements have been positive, with less time spent on administration.

He said: "To continue to grow we need to engage the team so everyone benefits from this continued growth. Crown offers this by enabling employees to manage their time more effectively with greater flexibility."

While time was previously logged manually creating an arduous paper trail, the new system enables employees to manage their time and attendance more accurately by clocking in and out, request holiday, record absenteeism and note banked overtime, which is then paid back or returned as holiday.

As a result, the new system improves planned & un-planned absence administration workflow across the entire organisation.

The new system also records activities assigned to staff within CLF's distribution centre, which means management teams now have a single viewpoint of all production and output and make more informed decisions about the way it manages its team.

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About Open Options™

Open Options helps organisations maximise the investment in their people by providing a solution to manage all aspects of workforce time.

It has been designed for HR, Finance and Operations Managers to reduce the burden of people management while driving down costs, improving efficiencies and maximising staff deployment.

Open Options™ is fully scalable and is used by organisations of all sizes across single and multiple locations. It can be tailored to any organisation's requirements and work rules while supporting legislative directives.

Information can be entered and viewed by individuals according to their own user-definable access rights to improve information flow whilst maintaining confidentiality.

The system also integrates with HR, Payroll, Finance and Business systems to provide seamless dissemination of information and improve communications.

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