



## Case Study: Stanmore College

Stanmore College is a post-16 college in North West London that facilitates learning from Further Education, to Part-Time Courses for Adults and Employer Training.

### **The Problem**

The college wanted a better, more streamlined method for processing their Bacs payments than using the Business Internet Banking (BIB) online system.

The colleges Agresso accounting system supports a standard Bacs file output, but BIB did not allow them to upload these files, which meant they had to manually key data for each transaction into BIB.

Agresso also produces a file for the remittance advices, and Stanmore wanted to send remittance advices via email when possible to reduce costs.

There was also an awkward submission using their current system.

### **The Solution**

After a consultation with Rob Cox, Business Development Manager at Checkpoint - a member of the TALL Group of Companies, Stanmore College opted for the combined Checkpoint Bacstel-IP Solution and e-Remittance system.

The Checkpoint Bacstel-IP Solution enables Bacs Payments, Faster Payments and Direct Debit Collections to be achieved simply, securely and using fully proven software.

The e-Remittance system sends remittances, selecting the most efficient method from e-mail, fax, text message or post. Full integration with the Checkpoint Bacstel-IP Solution supports 'lights out' fully automated running with no user intervention.

The combined system solves all of the problems that were experienced before:

- Users can upload the standard Bacs file output, produced by the accounting system, into the Checkpoint Bacstel-IP Solution, removing the need to manually key data.
- With the Checkpoint Bacstel-IP Solution being server installed, users can access the system from one of three terminals (computers). This means that those authorising and transmitting do not all have to go the same terminal to carry out their tasks as before.
- Remittance advice is automatically sent using the most cost efficient method.



## Outcome

Since the installation of the Checkprint Bacstel-IP Solution processing time has been greatly reduced by removing the re-keying requirement. As the data is not being re-keyed any more, there are fewer margins for errors, such as transposed account and sort code numbers or incorrect amounts.

Authorisation and control of the payment process has been improved, with each operator now able to carry out the relevant function from their own terminal.

Each payment recipient now receives a full breakdown of all payments and using the links between the Bacstel-IP Solution and e-remittance system ensures only successfully transmitted payments have remittance advices sent. In addition to this the cost of processing the payments and sending remittances has been reduced.