

Leeds City College

The customer

Leeds City College is the UK's third largest further education establishment, with 2,300 staff offering a diverse curriculum to over 50,000 students. With an annual turnover of £78 million, the college provides a vibrant and multicultural learning environment, delivering innovative, supportive, inspiring and life changing education.

Courses cover almost all subject areas, and include full and part-time academic and vocational qualifications, ranging from basic skills to apprenticeships and A Levels to Foundation Degrees. Leeds City College operates from ten campuses and dozens of smaller community centres across the region.



The challenge

To consolidate security across all sites under a single provider. Each site had been run individually, which meant that a strong mobilisation plan was required to tie all sites together, and arrange handovers with the 20 plus companies that had been providing services.

The college's needs included:

- CCTV installation & maintenance
- Intruder alarm installation, monitoring & maintenance
- Access control system installation & maintenance
- Keyholding across all sites
- Ad-hoc manned guarding services for holiday and sickness cover



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The solution

On contract commencement, Gough & Kelly immediately began a four-week mobilisation plan. Working to incredibly strict deadlines, our team took a very hands-on approach in order to get everything in place to hit the contract start date. An additional challenge was the ongoing consolidation of sites, with new sites coming on board and older sites being sold or left unoccupied.

Our partnership with the college has gone from strength to strength, and our support was extended to include:

- Fire alarm installation & maintenance
- Installation & maintenance of void property monitoring systems



The future

We are continually looking at ways of streamlining the security operation across all sites, whilst ensuring that the college remains a vibrant place to work and study.