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## CUSTOMER NAME

St. Michael's House

## INDUSTRY

Voluntary Body

## CHECK POINT PRODUCTS

- VPN-1® UTM Power™
- UTM-1 Edge™

## CUSTOMER NEEDS MET

- Provided efficient network security
- Ensured fast deployment
- Offered central management capabilities



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# St. Michael's House secures its network with Check Point UTM-1

## ABOUT ST. MICHAEL'S HOUSE

Founded in 1955 by parents, St. Michael's House has grown to become one of Ireland's largest providers of services to children and adults with an intellectual disability and their families in the Dublin area.

Today, St. Michael's House provide a range of specialized support and services to 1,500 service users and their families from early childhood to old age, including counseling, clinical support, education, employment, residential, social and recreational services.

With over 100 remote locations spread all over Ireland's greater Dublin area connected by different technologies that could not be integrated and supported, St. Michael's House had a real need to find a solution that could be efficiently and centrally managed by their headquarters (HQ) in Dublin, and would give secure and high-speed remote access for the other locations.

## THE ST. MICHAEL'S HOUSE CHALLENGE

St. Michael's House engaged with Calyx Security, a certified Check Point partner, on finding a solution to meet their security needs. The priority for Calyx was to secure St. Michael's House's network and make sure the remote branches were provided with fast, reliable, and secure access. For the St. Michael's House IT team, a highly-manageable solution to provide timely resolution of client and staff issues was of paramount importance.

After discussing the issues with Gabriel Kiernan and Brian Delaney at St. Michael's House and outlining several possible solutions, Brian Gildea of Calyx Security knew that Check Point's UTM-1™ would be the ideal solution for St. Michael's House.

### THE CHECK POINT SOLUTION

Gildea recommended they install Check Point VPN-1® UTM Power™ with SmartCenter® management in the Ballymun, Dublin HQ and one UTM-1 Edge™ appliance in each of their remote locations. “Check Point UTM-1 appliances deliver comprehensive, powerful network protection in a single, easy-to-manage, cost-effective platform,” says Gildea. “For this reason we were confident the Check Point devices would be the ideal solution for an organization like St. Michael’s House.”

Calyx Security installed VPN-1 UTM Power Management and Gateway Bundle for unlimited sites and unlimited users at the Ballymun HQ to deliver consistent security and performance throughout the network.

Calyx engineers then went on to install the first UTM-1 Edge ADSL appliances in the remote locations. As nearly 100 Edge devices had to be installed in almost 100 sites, Calyx made sure St. Michael’s House was comfortable with the processes and procedures to successfully roll-out the UTM-1 Edge boxes to all the various locations.

All the devices were pre-configured and tested by the Calyx Security engineers before being shipped to the client location. Also, Calyx was on-hand to support St. Michael’s House when problems were encountered during the installs.

“Our network provider was upgrading its network from ADSL to ADSL2,” says Brian Delaney, the St. Michael’s House implementing engineer. “Calyx worked with us to set up the UTM-1 Edge units to support both ADSL environments and this solution saved us a great deal of time and money.”

The second step was the installation of UTM-1 Edge appliance for unlimited users in the two regional offices. “These installations happened a little earlier than planned,” explains Gildea. “The old regional offices firewalls failed on a weekend and we needed to install the new UTM-1 Edge units quickly,” he continues. “Our engineers configured the units and the installation was completed and running by 10 a.m. on Monday morning. Check Point’s management software made this process a breeze.”

### THE BENEFITS OF CHECK POINT SECURITY

Calyx Security was able to provide St. Michael’s House with a solution that has given them efficient network security, fast deployment, and central management capabilities.

“By providing us with firewall, site-to-site VPN, and centralized management, the Check Point solution has certainly helped us to create a more reliable and secure network and has greatly reduced management burdens,” says Gabriel Kiernan, IT manager at St. Michael’s House. “The remote access is now fast and secure and using one single-solution across all the locations have made it cost-effective and easier to support.”

Ease of management, detailed reporting, easier configuration and deployment have all been key benefits of the Check Point installation in St. Michael’s House.

### THE FUTURE OF ST. MICHAEL’S HOUSE

A pilot program is already in place to provision wireless access in some of St. Michael’s House’s residential units. The Check Point UTM-1 Edge units with Wireless Ethernet have come up trumps in early testing.

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