

# Soutron delivers timely and relevant information with Inmagic® DB/Text® Works solution



## Essex Police Registry Information Management

**Essex Police** has to deal with colossal volumes of documentation. Like most police forces in the United Kingdom, they have a central registry to record and manage information such as legislation, policy, research papers and general correspondence.

It became imperative for the registry's documentation to be managed, so that information such as home office circulars, force policy and correspondence could be stored and retrieved efficiently in the simplest and most cost-effective way. Various information management systems had been looked at over the years but failed to meet the full requirements. Databases looked at were too slow to search, were limited in the number of files per record, or had no imaging capabilities.

However, after discussions with Soutron and an evaluation of their solution offering using Inmagic DB/Text Works, the force was extremely impressed. In particular, they were enthusiastic about its ease of use and flexibility - not only could they have the freedom to make changes in the number of fields per record but they could also have unlimited text in any field.

Another key objective that had been highlighted was the need to cut down on the amount of paper being filed, as it was taking up valuable storage space. Soutron highlighted how documents could be scanned with DB/Text Works and linked to a record. At the touch of a button, they could then be retrieved quickly, with no time wasted searching through files.

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In addition, before implementation of the solution, Essex Police stated that the documents had to be manually sorted and "weeded out". Soutron showed how quite simply, these could be scanned into a DB/Text Works database, rapidly sorted and within seconds, papers that needed to be destroyed identified and purged from the database. This procedure meant that registry staff had increased control to efficiently provide their users with relevant and current documents.

Finally, users of the registry system were extremely surprised and pleased to find that searching for information using Inmagic DB/Text Works was very fast, even with the large databases they had to explore. This was due not only to the powerful search functionality of the software but also due to the fact that with their network license, large number of users could save time by searching the database themselves.



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