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Medical Defence Union signs up for Microsoft SAM Programme

The Medical Defence Union (MDU) has chosen Jcom UK Ltd as its Microsoft Accredited SAM partner to enrol on the Vendor's Software Asset Management programme. The MDU is a mutual, not for profit, organisation owned by members. Established in 1885, the institution was the world's first medical defence organisation and have led the way ever since.

The MDU already had Software Asset Management best-practice policies in place; however the MDU's IT decided that enrolling on Microsoft SAM Programme was the best way to remain compliant and demonstrate to auditors their compliance status on a regular basis. The programme provides guidance for organisations of all sizes starting or already on the route to implement SAM initiatives. It has been designed around feedback from businesses engaged with SAM work, but in need of a simplified and more pragmatic approach to understand complex licensing agreements. The programme also offers guidance on reducing the risk of using unlicensed or counterfeit software.

Once accomplished, the MDU will benefit from having full visibility of all software applications in use within the organisation and will be able to demonstrate compliance for applications in line with volume licensing agreements. IT staff will easily detect any potential 'greynet' applications installed within the network and enhance existing procedures and recommendations for improvement based on ITIL framework. On completion, the MDU will receive formal recognition of compliance from Microsoft with certificated protection from an audit for one year. This will also help remove the MDU from a number of other Vendors radars for any potential compliance breach.

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About the Medical Defence Union

Doctors established the MDU in 1885 as a mutual organisation to protect the interests of their fellow professionals. Today, the MDU is still a mutual company owned by our members, who include doctors, dentists and other healthcare professionals. As always, we remain dedicated to supporting the medico-legal needs and reputations of all our members throughout their professional lives. For more information please visit <http://www.the-mdu.com>

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