

# **PRESS INFORMATION**

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## **TRUSTIS LAUNCHES SSL SERVER CERTIFICATE SERVICE EXCLUSIVELY FOR NHS**

PKI specialist Trustis is delighted to announce the launch of an SSL Server Certificate Service exclusively for the NHS.

Trustis has worked closely with the NHS Information Authority to provide a service that enables NHS organisations to buy high quality server certificates easily and at sensible prices.

Public Authorities like the NHS often find it difficult to buy certificates because they need to provide types of documentary evidence they don't have, such as a company registration number, and they are invariably asked to pay online using a credit card - the new service overcomes both of these problems.

A robust, custom-built PKI (Public Key Infrastructure) underpins the service, with Certificate Policy and Certificate Registration developed to make getting and using a certificate straightforward. Trustis has developed a registration process that overcomes the often convoluted processes demanded by suppliers. It enables any NHS organisation registered with the NHS Address Registration Service to apply for a certificate using their NHS Organisation Code.

The service operates using Certificate Factory, a tScheme-approved/BS7799 accredited certificate manufacturing service run from Trustis' high security Trust Service Centre.

1, 2, and 3 year certificates are available singly or in bulk and can be purchased online from [www.trustis.com/healthcare](http://www.trustis.com/healthcare)

**Chris Swinbank, Managing Director of Trustis**, says, “most web-based certificate services assume that every organisation is the same and can provide any type of evidence required. This certainly does not apply to most public bodies because they are neither incorporated as a business nor do they supply annual accounts that can be checked. Because Trustis builds every PKI to order, we can choose things like evidential requirements to suit each situation. In this case we have been able to utilise information unique to the NHS to make getting a certificate a lot simpler”.

“Suppliers also tend to want payment before issuing a certificate and this means using a credit card. Unfortunately organisations don’t usually have credit cards that can be used for this type of purchase and employees often end up using their own. We have developed a system that allows a certificate to be supplied with a purchase order which is simpler and makes the process a lot faster; we will invoice the organisation in slower time“.

“Our pricing is also particularly competitive, with a 128 bit, one year certificate costing £150, two years £250 and a 3 year certificate £300”.

Trustis specialises in PKI and Identity services and helps organisations design, build and run them. Whether it’s a large-scale in-house deployment or a fully managed, outsourced service, Trustis has the experience to deliver a solution.

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## About Trustis

Trustis has been providing Digital Certificates for clients since 1999. These include the NHS, government organisations, banks, multi-national businesses, law firms and SMEs. We probably run more PKIs on behalf of clients than any other organisation in the UK. Building high quality, standards compliant, flexible infrastructures is our forte and we were the first certificate supplier to achieve tScheme approval and BS7799 accreditation for our Certificate Factory.

Trustis is product neutral and vendor independent, enabling us to give the best unbiased advice and guidance, recommend and deploy the most appropriate technology for each client’s needs and avoid being locked into any one vendor’s technology.

Trustis consultants include security engineers, business specialists, cryptographers and lawyers to ensure that every aspect of a client's e-commerce needs can be met.

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