

Data centre relocation

Consolidation for cost reduction

Our client, a major mobile telecommunications provider with infrastructure spanning dozens of data centres in locations across the UK, needed to move one of its principal sites to a new physical location. This presented an opportunity to consolidate, refresh and replace some key support systems and the associated infrastructure, thereby generating both improvements in capability as well as operating cost reductions. The key success criteria were that the new environment had to be migrated within very aggressive timescales and to work first time so as to maintain critical services.

Our client, having examined the options, selected Infinitum to act as the prime contractor and programme manager for numerous suppliers and service providers:

Overcoming the challenge

Infinitum was the prime contractor for the migration effort, singularly accountable to the client for other suppliers, such as Dimension Data, Sun Microsystems, Logica CMG, HP, Infuse and Computacenter. After taking on the engagement, through co-ordination with business owners and management of the various suppliers, the 6-month project was condensed into 12 weeks. All applications were migrated to new locations, and infrastructure and software licenses rationalised.

Tangible gains

The data centre was closed down ahead of schedule and the consolidation effort resulted in a direct opex saving and significantly reduced support complexity, as well as bringing increasing efficiency within the consolidated environments.

"We had confidence that Infinitum could deliver against the challenging timescales, given their track record, their recognised skill set and our previous experience with the key staff - and not only were we proved right - but the delivery was completed ahead of schedule."

[Client Project Lead]