



## **UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS OPENS NEW CCTV CONTROL ROOM**

Chief Constable of West Yorkshire Police, Sir Norman Bettison, formally opened the University of Leeds' new CCTV security control room on Wednesday 9 December.

The upgraded surveillance capabilities are designed to protect staff, students and visitors across the University's campus.

Steven Exley, Head of Security at the University of Leeds said: "The purpose of Security Services at the University is to provide students, staff and visitors with a safe environment to study and work. Our security staff now have the benefit of the latest technology to help them protect our campus. The new CCTV system has been coming on line incrementally over the last month and has already helped lead to the arrest of cycle thieves and burglars."

SGW Security Consulting managed the project which required upgrading the majority of the University's existing 67 cameras and a further 32 new cameras to provide effective coverage of key areas of operation. A converged IP addressable image transmission system is linked to the University's internal network with fully digital control and recording equipment. The project required the total refurbishment of the existing control room and a temporary control room was set up to ensure minimum disruption to security services.

Sir Norman Bettison said "The University of Leeds has a massive campus; it is like a small town in itself. With a daily population of 35,000 people and 572 buildings, the upgraded CCTV will be a very effective tool in reducing crime, whilst improving confidence. It is testament to the University's commitment to make the campus a safe environment that they have invested in a state of the art digital CCTV system which will offer reassurance and, if any crime does occur then it will be invaluable to the police in their investigation."

Simon Whitehouse, Managing Director for SGW Security Consulting, who managed the project from design to delivery, said: "We are extremely pleased to have been involved in such an important scheme and are delighted that our partnership with the

installation team at security system integrators, TIS, has ensured the system was completed on time and within budget.”