

Hallam Medical Ltd improves its IT infrastructure performance by upgrading from a traditional SAN-based environment to **StarWind Virtual SAN**



About the company

Hallam Medical is the UK's fastest-growing Primary Care recruitment specialist founded in 2007. The company offers the nation's largest bank of Advanced Nurse Practitioners, Community Nurses, Mental Health Nurses, Acute Nurses, Prison Nurses, and 111 Clinical Advisors.

Industry

Staffing and Recruiting

Geo

EMEA

Solution

StarWind Virtual SAN (vSAN)

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Challenge

Before StarWind Virtual SAN (vSAN) deployment, Hallam Medical was running a Hyper-V cluster with an HP Fibre Channel Enterprise SAN, but its SAN had become insufficient to handle the increasing demands of its workloads. The read latency was alarmingly high, and the current setup couldn't meet the company's performance requirements.

Hallam Medical needed a solution that was not only affordable but also reliable and well-tested to ensure smooth operations.

Solution

With StarWind vSAN, Hallam Medical was able to build a fully redundant, all-flash SAN in just one day. The decisive factor in choosing StarWind was its exceptional support and expertise. During pretesting and discussions with StarWind engineers, Hallam Medical was convinced that the level of support provided would be invaluable in implementing and maintaining the solution.

The flexibility offered by StarWind allowed them to use drives and hardware of its choice without being locked into a specific vendor, saving it from inflated prices. Importantly, the implementation was performed on its working production system with zero downtime. Following a brief testing period, the migration of all workloads to the new storage was seamless, with users not even noticing the change.