

Forfusion has conducted a comprehensive Cisco Identity Services Engine (ISE) assessment across several NHS organisations. The findings reveal major opportunities for:



Key Findings 



- Disparate licensing, infrastructure variations, and inconsistent policy enforcement resulting in operational duplication, and overspend.
- ISE maturity levels vary significantly across Trusts: from TACACS-only deployments to advanced Software Defined Access (SDA) & TrustSec integrations.
- Multiple overlapping VMware environments, with significant overprovisioning and escalating support/licensing costs.
- Inconsistent use of Catalyst Centre and TrustSec, limiting network segmentation and visibility of medical and IoT devices.

Cost-Saving Potential 

Compute Resource Savings

50%

Saves

- 328 vCPUs
- 1.18 TB RAM
- 7.8 TB storage

Energy use cut by

38,631
kWh/year

Saves

- £9,940 annually
- reducing CO₂ by 19.3 tonnes

Estimated total savings

45%

Over 24–36 months



Strategic Recommendations 



- Adopt a phased rollout using Forfusion’s ADIOlogy® framework to minimise disruption, manage risk, and tailor delivery to Trust-specific needs.
- Centralise ISE into a shared, multi-Trust cluster to eliminate duplicated infrastructure, unify policy enforcement, and reduce operational complexity.
- Select specific Teaching Hospitals as the reference deployment model.
- Standardise licensing via a single Cisco Enterprise Agreement.

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