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“Our MAC comprises four schools, the Trust and a commercial enterprise which prior to moving to XFE meant time consuming access via remote desktops and extensive data manipulation on spread sheets to be able to obtain any type of consolidated reporting

Moving our MAC finances across to XFE has been instrumental in enabling us to gain clear, concise accessibility and sight of all the finances across the trust in a matter of minutes instead of days, and all in one place. Our historical MAC data was also transferred into XFE so we have complete financial history from day 1 to view and report on.

The in-built functionality means I can view and produce real-time reports in both written and pictorial formats, to quickly capture benchmarks and trend information. Reconciliations of bank accounts and credit cards are easy as they can be viewed together.

Through discussions with Thorne Widgery (TW) we have implemented a requisition system with sign-off parameters that synchronises with our scheme of delegation has reduced time and paper and are supported with a clear audit trail.

TW have been with us throughout the transition, talking to us about what we needed and understanding our historical issues, and have continued to support us with how to obtain greater functionality as our knowledge has grown and demands have changed. They have been able to do this as they use Xero within their practice, are experienced auditors and have extensive experience within the education sector.

Our team within the MAC have embraced XFE and their confidence has grown, encouraging proactive use of XFE and also suggesting other uses of the system and the information.

Both financial and non-financial detailed data such as income, expenditure, creditors and debtors as well as staff and pupil ratios can be viewed, providing the Senior Management team with greater insight and decision making capabilities.

I would recommend XFE for its ease of use and cost and time-saving benefits and combined with the collaborative expert support from the team at TW has given us peace of mind.”