

Remote Working Is A Viable Option For UK Businesses

Working from home is now easier than ever, with the increasing flexibility that ‘mobile office’ solutions can provide.



The percentage of people working from home has increased by 13% in the last five years, according to a [TUC](#) report, which was published in May this year. The report, which studied the findings of an analysis of data from the Labour Force Survey, revealed that around four million employees were working from home on a regular basis in 2012 and many more worked from home ‘occasionally’.

This echoes the findings of a survey of employers by the [CBI](#) in 2011, whereby 96% of those surveyed were offering at least one form of flexible working, with nearly three quarters (70%) offering three or more. The TUC believes that, despite the recession, this trend is set to continue and that this flexible way of working has become an essential part of the UK labour market.

If you hear the words ‘mobile office’ you may automatically think of software to enable you to work remotely using your tablet or smart phone.

But in addition to having access to your company’s network and all your documents, you can now connect your office phone or extension to your smart phone, tablet, laptop or desktop computer i.e. wherever you have a wifi connection.

This means that whenever someone calls your work phone, it will automatically be diverted straight to you, wherever you are and to whatever form of electronic equipment you are working on. In other words you will never miss a call and you will reduce the risk of losing custom just because you are not at your desk.

Your virtual desk could effectively be anywhere in the world and your clients would never know the difference, and as the calls can be routed through to you from your office, you need only pay the same business rates as your employers do.

Having '**Mobile Office**' capabilities of this kind can only add to the convenience of remote working, providing more flexible solutions for both employers and employees alike.

If you would like to know more about Mobile Office, please contact [**MF Communications**](#) on 01892 514687. MF Communications are a specialist telecoms provider with extensive experience in all areas of business communications.