

# Ireland's Ekco acquires UK's Solsoft in latest rapid growth move

- *Bristol-based Solsoft's 16 employees will join Ekco's workforce of over 1,000 people globally*
- *Marks Ekco's third acquisition deal in 2025 as it continues on aggressive acquisition trail*
- *Company will form part of the Ekco MSP Division and expand Ekco's capabilities in the UK market*
- *Solsoft provides IT services to businesses in sectors including legal services, engineering, health, and social care*

**Dublin, 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025** – [Ekco](#), one of Europe's leading security-first managed service providers (MSPs), today announces the acquisition of UK-based Solsoft Group Limited. Ekco, founded and headquartered in Dublin, is on an aggressive acquisition trail, with Solsoft marking its third acquisition this year.

Solsoft is a Bristol-headquartered MSP with over 26 years of experience delivering proactive IT services to small-and-medium sized enterprises (SMEs) and not-for-profit organisations across the South and Southwest of the UK. Key sectors include legal services, construction, engineering, energy, health, and social care. The company's 16-strong team will join Ekco's workforce of more than 1,000 people globally across Ireland, UK, Netherlands, Malaysia, and South Africa.

Solsoft will form part of the Ekco MSP Division and expand Ekco's capabilities in the UK market under the leadership of Cian Prendergast. The latest deal in Ekco's ambitious growth strategy, Solsoft is the seventh company to be acquired by Ekco in the last two years. This acquisition follows the purchases of MSPs Radius and Adapt IT, marking another milestone in Ekco's strategy to build a unified MSP platform across Europe.

Solsoft is led by Managing Director Neil Farnworth and Operations Director Ilona Clark, who together bring over 40 years of industry experience to the business.

**Paul Nannetti, Chair of Ekco, said:** *"Solsoft is a fantastic addition to the Ekco MSP Division as we accelerate our expansion strategy and continue to grow our footprint and capabilities in key markets. Their long-standing commitment to proactive service and their alignment with industry best practices give us real confidence in a fast,*



*effective integration and a stronger UK presence—delivered with the discipline and consistency our customers expect.”*

**Cian Prendergast, CEO of the Ekco MSP Division, said:** *“Having known Solsoft very well for many years, we have always admired their rock solid, client focused, proactive service in the UK. With Ekco’s world class expertise in security-first managed services and cutting-edge technology, this partnership is a perfect match – and we are looking forward to growing and learning together.”*

**Neil Farnworth, Managing Director of Solsoft, added:** *“Joining Ekco lets us bring more capability and resilience to our customers, backed by Ekco’s scale—while maintaining the responsiveness they value. Our aligned ways of working and approaches to service delivery means we can really hit the ground running.”*

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