## Benefits of PpAC (Passport Authentication Check)

Prior to using the Passport Authentication Check we were having to scan and store copies of all operatives personal information. We were required to take a copy of:

- Passport (in date)
- European ID card
- Utility Bill or Bank Statement dated within the last 3 months.

The entire process was very time consuming for both the site managers and security. It also had a direct impact on productivity as the inductions could take anywhere up to 2 ½ hours before operatives could get out onto site and start work.

On numerous occasions we also had to turn people away from site for not having the right documents or only having 1 of the 2 which was extremely frustrating for both parties.

PpAC utilises a unique device with bio-metric capabilities and its proper use guarantees compliance with existing legislation. The requirement to make and retain copies of the original documents, [which cannot be altered], are dealt with automatically with facsimile copies being added to a database.

The PpAC process could not be simpler. Within 1.5 seconds of the photo page being scanned, the hardware/software;

- •Reads 4600+ IDs, passports, visas and soon to be industry skills cards
- •Utilizes UV, Infrared and Bio-chip authentication to detect forged documents
- •Scans each document and securely stores all images on our network
- •Immediately identifies forged documents
- •It also linked to local authorities for individuals who have warrants out for their arrest.

The results of the scans are instantaneous. There is no need to send documents off, or photocopy and certify paper copies. The combined security measures identify any elements of the document that fail the relevant tests.

This system has enabled us to be 100% confident that the people we induct and work on our site have the right to work in the UK. With the CCS 'Spotlight On' focusing on illegal workers, our team believes that we are tackling the problem head on and as a result making our site a safer place to work.