



Sicon Intercompany helps facilitate a new Trading solution for Elysium Healthcare

AT A GLANCE

Challenges

- Complex Financial Management.
- Reconciliation across 25 separate Sage 200 companies.
- Multiple company payments being received in a single payment run.

Benefits

- Configurable nominal codes.
- Three way PO matching.
- Significant reduction of finance staff time in supplier and customer ledger reconciliation.

OBJECTIVES

With 25 companies and over 70 locations across the UK offering Mental Health Care, neurological care, education, children's services and private patient services, the financial management solution of Elysium Healthcare was quite complex.

25 legal entities each have their own sales and purchase ledgers, (often for the same suppliers) and clients in each company, making the task of managing and reconciling these across 25 separate Sage 200 companies quite a challenge. In addition, suppliers often pay multiple Elysium companies in a single payment run, only adding to the complexities.

Having just a single ledger for each supplier and customer would be the ideal solution but the challenge was how to create this.

SOLUTIONS

The solution suggested by Elysium was to create a new 'Trading Company' within Sage 200 which would hold the single sales and purchase ledger accounts for all customers and supplies and all purchase orders would be raised via **Sicon Approvals (formerly WAP)** within this company rather than across the existing 25 companies. This was quite straightforward, but the complexity was creating Intercompany postings to the subsidiary companies automatically once invoices are entered and approved.

Sicon took up the challenge and created a new feature in our **Intercompany module** to allow each nominal code (nom/cc/dp) in the trading company to be configured to specify another Sage 200 Company and the specific nominal code (nom/cc/dp) in that target company. This enabled transactions such as Purchase Invoices to be three way PO matched and then posted in the Trading Company. Once authorised these invoices could then be posted to their coded nominal accounts in the Trading Company, configured to relate to one of the subsidiary businesses (Sage 200 company).

An example of this would be; an invoice for PPE for Company X would be coded to the correct nominal (nom/cc/dp) in the Trading Company and this would automatically create a nominal journal to from the Trading Company to Company X as soon as the purchase invoice transaction nominal posting occurred.

It was a complicated mapping process in the trading company to provide all of the combinations of subsidiary, cost or revenue codes, cost centre etc. However, now this is all setup, it's providing a significant reduction in the amount of time the finance teams were spending on supplier and customer ledger reconciliation. To top it off, it has simplified the creation and management of purchase orders as they are now mostly within a single company.

"The Sicon solution is very neat, especially when you consider it combines Approvals, Intercompany and Document Invoice Automation to create the overall solution. Data accuracy has already improved significantly as keying errors are almost reduced to zero due to the accuracy of the document image extraction solution. The interface provided by Sicon to download and then process these invoices within Sage 200 is intuitive to use and clearly shows invoices ready to process and those that 'require attention' due to missing details such as order numbers or that no goods received notes have been confirmed.

Combined with the Trading Company creation and the Sicon Intercompany real time postings we have a very efficient solution on our hands."

Malcolm Coakley
Elysium Healthcare