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## Stolen laptop had details of 109,000

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A laptop owned by Northgate Information Solutions containing personal and bank details of 109,000 charity workers has been stolen.

The laptop was taken from the offices of an arm of the IT company in Bucks and police enquires are ongoing.

The company, which has its headquarters in Maylands Avenue, Hemel Hempstead, offers HR outsourcing services to the public and private sector.

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r and the computer contained membership details of The Pensions Trust.

The Pensions Trust, which administers pensions for organisations like housing associations and the not-for-profit sector, has since withdrawn access to member data from Northgate and asked the firm to delete any information it holds.

Details lost include names, dates of birth, addresses, national insurance numbers, salary details and bank account information.

The trust has notified the Information Commissioner and the pensions regulator, appointed fraud prevention service CIFAS, written to all those affected and set up a helpline.

The computer was stolen from NorthgateArinso, a division of the company that deals with human resources software and outsourcing.

Northgate said the computer - which was password protected - was taken from a secure room in March.

A spokesman said the company had hired private investigators to look into the theft.

"We deeply regret it happened and we are undergoing a review of all security," he said.

"No client data will be put on portable equipment."

Northgate has offices in 32 countries and provides computer services to every police force and 90 per cent of local authorities in the UK.

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