

# Improve Driver Utilisation and Warehouse Staff Flexibility with DLM

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Datasheet

## Applying Lean Practices to Distribution Labour Planning

Both logistics businesses, and distribution departments in manufacturing facilities, have similar challenges. The combination of prescriptive customer demands, rapidly changing workloads and lack of workforce visibility means that over-manning and poor labour utilisation is endemic. What is more, use of excel for labour planning and driver allocation requires extensive human intervention and does not provide management with the information required to support strategic decision making.

Deploying modern labour planning and scheduling technology can transform your company's operations and deliver significant and repeatable ROI, as well as provide data that improves core strategic initiatives like training, recruiting and performance management.

DLM is uniquely positioned to offer your organisation proven software, developed specifically for the manufacturing and distribution industries and delivered through a cost effective, easy to implement, easy to own software as a service model.

| Route | Start Time | Area    | Employee         |
|-------|------------|---------|------------------|
| 99    | 13:30      | Chilled | Jake Donaldson   |
| 3     | 14:30      | Chilled | Steve Bentley    |
| 4     | 14:30      | Chilled | Kevin Cole       |
| 5     | 14:30      | Chilled | Joshua Dyson     |
| 10    | 14:30      | Chilled | Richard Peterson |
| 16    | 14:30      | Chilled | Charlie Saunders |
| 21    | 14:30      | Chilled | Stuart McClean   |
| 32    | 14:30      | Chilled | Zane Davies      |
| 23    | 15:00      | Chilled |                  |
| 6     | 15:30      | Chilled | Calvin Hewitt    |
| 7     | 15:30      | Chilled | Aaron Jones      |
| 8     | 15:30      | Chilled | Jamie Hay        |
| 31    | 15:30      | Chilled | Gary Bolton      |
| 35    | 15:30      | Chilled | Lewis Denton     |
| 22    | 16:00      | Chilled | Paul Canning     |
| 34    | 16:00      | Chilled | Mike Warring     |
| 29    | 16:30      | Chilled | Jay Charlesworth |
| 39    | 16:30      | Chilled | Conner Steele    |
| 41    | 16:30      | Chilled | Wayne Spencer    |
| 36    | 17:00      | Chilled | Jack Greensall   |
| 40    | 17:00      | Chilled | Stephen Tucker   |
| 12    | 17:00      | Chilled | Bradley Hopkins  |
| 19    | 17:30      | Chilled | Aiden Turner     |
| 28    | 17:30      | Chilled | David Farnsworth |
| 30    | 17:30      | Chilled | Robert Blaire    |
| 33    | 17:30      | Chilled | Shaun Pickford   |
| 11    | 18:00      | Chilled | Nail Richardson  |
| 17    | 18:00      | Chilled | Cameron Dalton   |
| 14    | 18:00      | Chilled | Tobias Huthinson |
| 18    | 18:00      | Chilled | Oily Eastwood    |
| 24    | 18:00      | Chilled | Tyler Browne     |
| 27    | 18:00      | Chilled | Dave Watkins     |
| 317   | 18:00      | Chilled | Gareth Blythe    |

### Critical Operational Data Available Online

The traditional use of spreadsheets by distribution managers can be a costly and risky way to operate labour resource. DLM offers a specific improvement opportunity by getting critical operational information on routes, schedules, skills, contract hours and training out of spreadsheets and into a secure, intuitive and integrated online environment. Functionality includes:

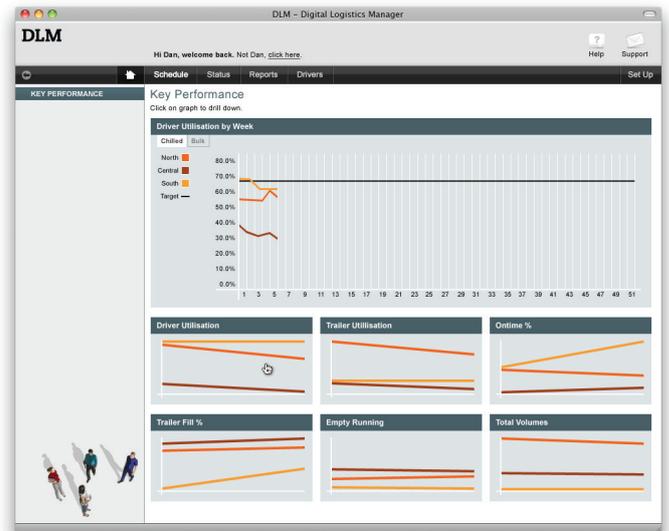
- Instant access to workforce skills and availability across shifts, routes and departments
- Support for both drivers and warehouse staff
- Integrated SMS to advise drivers of start times
- Support of flexible practices such as Annualised Hours, Banked Hours or TOIL
- Automatic generation of resource schedule and associated labour schedule based on MRP output
- Visibility of upcoming skills shortages allowing for long term labour planning
- Management Dashboard including skills flexibility, overtime, utilisation, agency spend and labour cost per unit.



## Real World Savings

DLM is proven to bring real world savings to Manufacturing and Logistic organisations that have manual or spreadsheet based systems for workforce planning. By replacing inefficient and high risk local spreadsheets with DLM you can expect to realise:

- Reduced planning time
- Increased workforce flexibility
- Reduced agency spend and overtime
- Reduced downtime
- A more efficient workforce
- Compliance with statutory obligations such as Health and Safety and Working Time Directive
- Real time pervasive business intelligence supporting strategic decision making.



Labour costs are the single biggest expense in most companies, so improving the efficiency of your workforce can drive your corporate performance. Even seemingly small changes in workforce productivity can have a huge impact on the bottom line of your organisation. Consider an organisation with a £100 million UK payroll that reduces labour costs by only 5%: the resulting £5m million in annual cost savings would certainly get the attention of any finance director.

## A Platform for Ongoing Operational Improvement

As soon as supply chain professionals experience the power of getting disparate data out of local spreadsheets, or filing cabinets, and into an integrated online environment, their natural capacity for spotting improvement opportunity comes to the fore. Inevitably there are requests for additional databases to be added, new reports to be generated and additional functionality to be made available. There is no way that we could anticipate what these developments might be and it is for this reason that DLM remains an open platform on which future developments can be rapidly and transparently added. In the interest of sharing best practice, new functionality can be made available across the user base and everyone benefits from the ongoing growth and development of the platform. Additional functionality recently added includes an online induction portal to allow contractors and visitors to complete induction training on the internet before arriving on site and an operational user interface to allow employees to view their banked hours, holiday year to date and to accept overtime online.

## No need for IT Support

DLM is a Software as a Service (SaaS) solution in the true sense of the term. There is no need for investment in hardware or infrastructure. The solution is delivered online and the only client side software requirement is a standard internet browser such as Internet Explorer or Firefox. There are no upfront fees for licences and the solution can be delivered to your specific needs in a matter of weeks. You then simply pay a small monthly or annual fee for access and support. DLM is inexpensive, easy to implement and easy to own and typically provides a full return on investment within months.



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