

Abstract

AN ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEM

An access control system is disclosed. The system comprises a credential reader arranged to gather at least one credential from a person desiring to pass through an access point associated with the access control system, the system being arranged to use the at least one credential to provide an indication as to the identity of the person. The system also comprises at least one access control device arranged to control access through a respective access point such that access by a person is allowed or denied dependent on whether a positive decision as to the identity of the person is obtained, and a data storage device arranged to store security level data indicative of a current security level applicable for the or each access point associated with the system, the security level defining the criteria required to provide a positive decision as to the identity of the person. The system is arranged to facilitate modification of the stored security level data so as to change the criteria required to be satisfied in order to provide a positive indication as to the identity of a person.

Figure 1