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£300,000 annual saving for Derby Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust using GS1 standards



“GS1 standards help us single out what really matters”

“Since April 2014, our Trust is saving at least £25,000 per month just in the consumables we’re using in general surgery, imaging and cath labs. That’s an annual saving of £300,000.”

Kevin Downs, Director of Finance at Derby Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Since 2013, Derby have been rolling out scanning at point of use via a wristband issued to every inpatient, backed up by a catalogue and scanning system that uses GS1 standards to enable them to:

- Scan and check inpatients. Each member of staff also has their own barcode
- Track scopes/instrumentation to patients
- Track theatre and stockroom consumption
- Attribute cost to scope/instrumentation use
- Track planned maintenance

London Road Community Hospital



The Trust used a cloud-based inventory management system, a product catalogue and a barcode scanning solution. This system was then integrated into their financial system for automatically creating orders.

Royal Derby Hospital, which incorporates the Derbyshire Children’s Hospital, is a busy acute teaching hospital



Benefits

Product recall

When recalls take place, they can easily identify all patients and products that may have been affected - making it quicker and easier for the required actions to take place.

Stock levels automatically updated

Scanning everything in the theatre also means that stock levels are automatically updated, triggering automated orders.

Patient-level costing

As equipment and implants are recorded against the patient, by also linking cost, staff and time information, a more complete and accurate procedure cost is calculated.