

## Reducing 'never events' using GS1 standards

Every year, over 400 'never events' occur in the NHS. These are serious errors that should never happen, hence their name.

They include:

- Wrong site surgery
- Retained foreign objects post-procedure
- Wrong implant/prosthesis
- Medication error

This annual figure has been consistent over a number of years and the clinical profession require support to engineer out the risk of these happening.

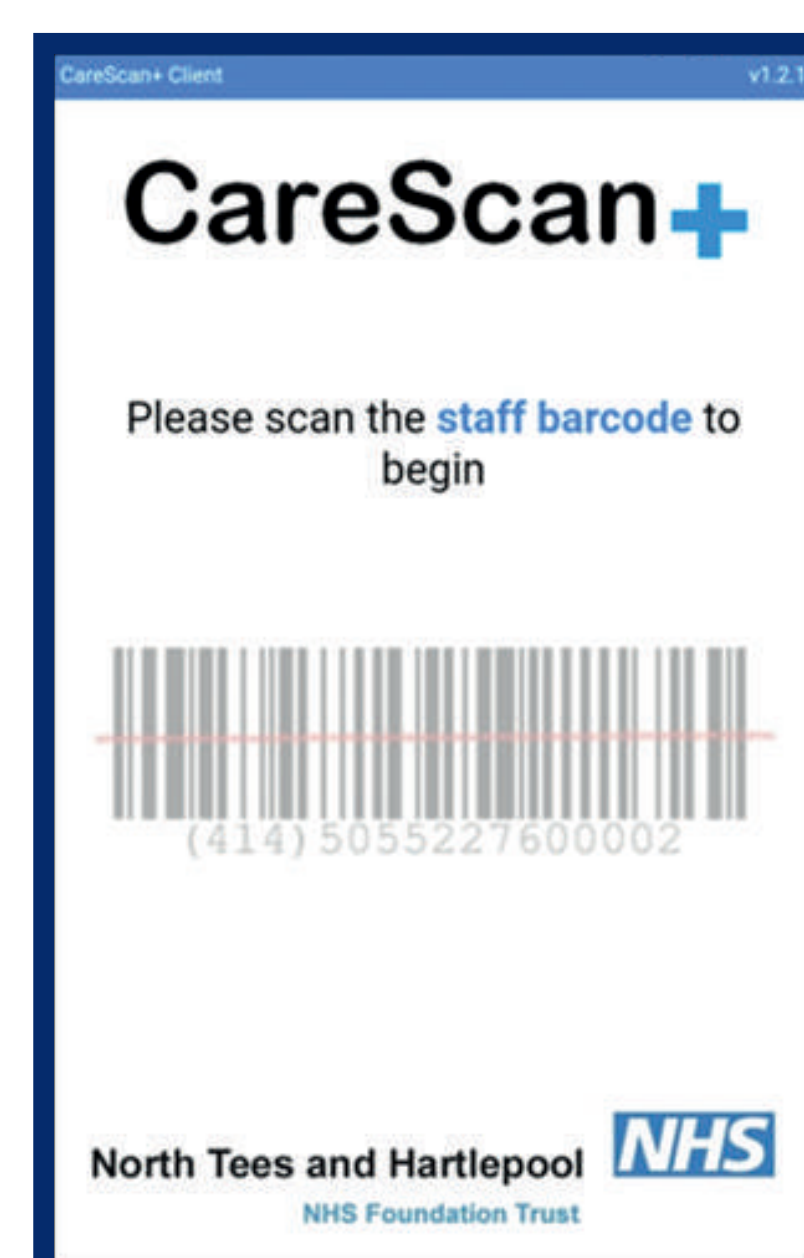


### Where can we help...

GS1 standards are able to help in all four of these areas. Analysis of 'never events' data suggests that at least 55% of those that occurred in the period 1 April to 30 June 2018 could have been avoided through the adoption of GS1 standards.

### Capture correct data once and use many times

Designed for the NHS by the NHS, North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust have developed a solution that provides vital clinical decision-making support. Data is captured once at point of care and then used many times to minimise the risk of harm to patients.



Screenshot of North Tees' technology solution for event data



Medical staff at North Tees demonstrating how to use CareScan+



“Putting the patient first, that’s what GS1 is all about.”

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