

GS1 UK healthcare user group minutes

Thursday 10 September 2024

Virtual meeting – Microsoft Teams

Present:

George Lawton (GL) (Chairing)	Anna Stec, NHS England (ASt)
Caroline Beecham, BD (CB)	Mark Stevens, Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust (MSt)
Dave Harris – Lancashire Procurement Cluster (DH)	Paul Wright, NHS England (PWr)
Gillian Fox, NHS Supply Chain (GF)	Mark Songhurst, Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust (MS)
Lindsay Robertson, NSS NHS Scotland (LR)	David Lawson, DHSC (DL)
Paras Shah, Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (PS)	Jo Goulding, NHS England (JG)
Andrew Stradling, LPP (AS)	Nicholas Oughtibridge (NO)
Marc Saaiman, South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (MSa)	Curtis Fallows, NHS Supply Chain (CF)
James Mayne, University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Foundation Trust (JM)	Dr Julia Coombes, Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (JC)
Deniz Bruce, Global Medical Device Nomenclature Agency (DB)	Alistair Meek, NHS Shared Business Services (AM)
Mark Kendall, Health and Social Care Northern Ireland (MK)	Richard McVeigh, Health and Social Care Northern Ireland (RM)
Luella Trickett – Association of British HealthTech Industries (LT)	Rachael Ellis, Hull University Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust (RE)
Graham Walsh, Yorkshire and Humber Academic Health Science Network (GW)	Glen Hodgson, GS1 UK (GH)
Juliette New, GS1 UK (JN)	

Apologies:

Tracey Francis, Digital Health and Care Wales (TF)	
Siobhain Duggan, GS1 Ireland (SD)	Tracey Herlihey, NHS England (TH)
Andrew Smallwood, NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership, NHS Wales (AS)	Jackie Pomroy, Consultant (JP)
Amanda Creane, GS1 Ireland (AC)	Meabh Smith, Health Service Executive Ireland (MSm)

Agenda

10.00 Welcome and introductions

George Lawton

10.05 Competition policy

George Lawton



Competition Law
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10.10 Minutes from last meeting and actions log

Ian Townend

Outstanding actions



HUG action points
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Updates

10:15 GS1 UK update

Glen Hodgson

10:20 DHSC Med Tech update

George Lawton on behalf of Jasleen

10:25 NHS England update

Tracey Herlihey/Anna Stec

10:30 NHS Supply Chain update

Gill Fox

10:35 NHS Wales programme update

Juliette New (GS1 UK)

10:40 NHS Scotland programme update

Lindsay Robertson

10:50 Workstreams update

George Lawton

Minutes

GS1 UK update

GH:

- Trial for native recognition of GS1 DataMatrix to read and parse the information rather than going to an app – this will revolutionise patient information leaflets
- Talking to Apple and Google. Discussions with Google are with Google Lens which activates the camera.
- Plan is to work with three device manufacturers by end of the year with plan to launch next year
- This meets with global drive on one product, one barcode. One of the challenges is which barcode to scan.
- An authoritative paper from Deloitte about the benefits of one product and one barcode
- Global Leadership team have created a [paper](#) on the use of the GS1 2D DataMatrix for healthcare products. This is because there are 70 regulators already mandating the use of the GS1 2D DataMatrix across the globe and so the paper is to align with these countries and not cause confusion.
- Retail are moving from linear barcode to a 2D barcode – either a QR code or GS1 DataMatrix but we are being clear in healthcare for healthcare regulated products that the barcode should be a GS1 2D DataMatrix
- Attending Procure4Health. GS1 have given session to NHS Supply Chain (NHS SC) to present on inventory management systems (IMS). GS1 UK are represented at a panel session on electronic patient records (EPRs) at HETT show.
- Also attending Lib Dem conference, HCSA, NICON and NHS Wales events in October/November
- The next GS1 UK Healthcare Conference at QEII centre on 29–30 April 2025
- GS1 UK healthcare advisory board members have sent a letter to the Secretary of State with five asks:
 1. To mandate use of the NHS number as the single national patient identifier across all healthcare organisations in England
 2. Any NHS EPR systems procurement (renewal or contract award) should only be approved if capable of holding and sharing standardised data
 3. To complete the rollout of IMS across all acute trusts in England
 4. To only populate national registries through scanned data, electronically captured at the point of care

5. The next phase of the New Hospitals Programme should use data standards to incorporate unique identification of every person, every product and every place from the design stage

Actions:

- GH to copy in Baroness Merron and Dr Henrietta Hughes in letter and to reference DHSC MedTech Strategy
- JC will take back the information on the DataMatrix scan to her ePIL team at the MHRA. There is a bigger discussion on where the information is to be hosted.
- NO asked if for the redirection capability is there a plan to use the standard 26324. GH to ask global team.

Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) update

JR (email update read out by GL):

- PIM alpha has finished. During alpha we validated user needs for a single source of truth for medical device data.
- Through user research with data consumers, data providers and wider stakeholders we developed a more detailed understanding of their data requirements, the existing constraints and received feedback on our prototype
- The high-level learnings were that -
 - There are a broad range of potential users with a variety of user needs
 - Data and people's information needs both evolve over time
 - No existing data set(s) alone/combined meets all identified needs
- The alpha also suggested a proposed approach to deliver the beta stage. High level recommendations were that –
 - PIM should collate medical devices data from multiple sources and collect data itself
 - PIM should enable data consumers to access data via a range of means
 - PIM should enable data providers to submit data via a range of means
- We are now internally progressing with business case approvals for beta
- After gaining sign off, we hope to progress with beta procurement. This will be for the team that will help develop PIM during beta.
- The first six months will be private beta which is where we will design and develop an MVP PIM, testing it with a limited user cohort
- A public beta is after which is when PIM will be open to all users

David Lawson

- Team are moving fast and hope to move forward quickly with the commission of beta

NHS England update

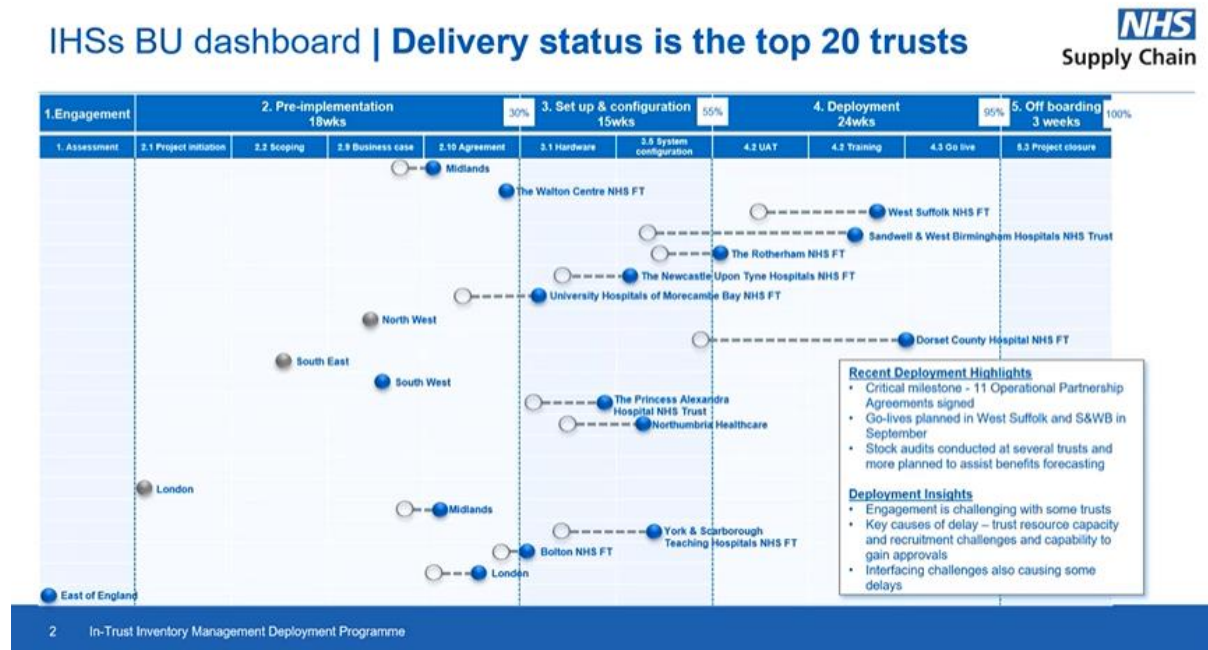
ASt:

- Lord Darzi's independent investigation for submission. Hull and Leeds trusts submitted presentations on Scan4Safety to the investigation.
- Recording podcasts and writing case studies with trusts
- Working on article for World Patient Safety Day on example on Scan4Safety initiative to improve diagnostics
- Using a non GS1-compliant barcode so great opportunity to highlight that GS1 is the NHS required standard for barcodes
- Presenting to NHS Blueprint team on 25 September
- Ongoing issue of quality of patient wristbands and problems with scanners and DCB1077. Talking to patient safety leads into the trusts and looking to resolve with a checklist for when procuring these.

NHS Supply Chain

GF:

- Soft go-live in Dorset. First point of care go-live in West Suffolk. Next are Sandwell, Newcastle and Rotherham go live.
- Plan for Northumbria and York after that
- In Hospital services, they have a few other bits and pieces at the moment. Seeking further funding for the remaining trusts
- Customer marketplace learning day planned for October
- Focused on data challenges. FW is working on a process for those challenges to be reported and resolved. JM is working with them on that to define this.
- IMS as foundation step for the Federated Data Platform (FDP)
- Focusing on procedure codes. Want to work on national strategy around that.



- LR - similar challenge for NHS Scotland and looking at data mapping, LR happy to share work with GF.

Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA)

Paras Shah:

- Starting up blog to start communicating changes
- Roadmap published in 2024 is still relevant to update the regulations
- Post market surveillance regulations are still going ahead

NHS Scotland programme update: LR/SW

LR

- Medical Devices Data Hub (MDDH) set up and can demo how they can search the portal by UDI or CHI number
- National medical equipment management system – awaiting funding decision on how to go forward
- Doing a lot of work on reporting and analytics and case studies
- Developing a target operating model – started conversations with Scottish Government

NHS Wales

JN

- Looking at how to implement the AIDC technology
- Held workshops with the trusts and issued an impact assessment to explore the systems that are to be impacted
- Development plan to Welsh Information standards board early next year
- Data standards change notices to be published in April

Workstreams update

- **Loan kit workstream** – writing a guidance on best practice for loan kits and link in the supplier adoption group and solution providers
- **OPCS code workstream** – OPCS codes guidance review. George to send an invite for OPCS codes.
- **Staff ID workstream** – working with Phil Stradling. Proposal in for GSRN as a verified credential
- **Pharmacy workstream** – to be reestablished next year

Presentations and Discussion:

An Introduction to GMDN, The Global Medical Device Nomenclature (GMDN) agency, Deniz Bruce



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National Equipment Tracking and Inventory System (NETIS) programme, Curtis Fallows, Business Management Lead
Diagnostics, Equipment & Services and NETIS Team



NETIS AXREM
Presentation GS1.pdf

- RE stated the use of GIAI supports the interoperability between systems
- CF to loop back in with Didi from GSTT

Any other business

EPR solution providers and GS1 standards: GL announced GS1 UK's efforts to drive adoption of the DCB1077 standard for wristbands within EPR solutions. The initiative aims to embed GS1 standards in EPR systems to improve patient safety and operational efficiency in the NHS. Currently EPR guidance is in draft so if anyone would like to review, please contact GL directly.

Next meeting dates:

- Thursday 5 December