

GS1 UK healthcare user group minutes

Wednesday 5 March 2025

Virtual meeting – Microsoft Teams

Present:

Ian Townend, NHS England (IT) (Chairing)	George Lawton, GS1 UK (GL)
Iain Walker, GS1 UK (IW)	Mark Stevens, Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust (MS)
Tracey Francis, DHCW (TF)	Paul Wright, NHS England (PWr)
Frankie Wallace, NHS Supply Chain (FW)	Mark Songhurst, Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust (MS)
Lindsay Robertson, NSS NHS Scotland (LR)	Richard McVeigh (DHCNI)
Kelsey Flott, NHS E (KF)	Jo Goulding, NHS England (JG)
Andrew Stradling, LPP (AS)	Paras Shah, MHRA (PS)
Marc Saaiman, South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (MSa)	Curtis Fallows, NHS Supply Chain (CF)
Sebastian Tallents, NHS E (ST)	Dr Julia Coombes, Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (JC)
Jasleen Rehal, DHSC (JR)	Joe Fowke, NHS E (JF)
Meabh Smith, Health Service Executive Ireland (MSm)	Deniz Bruce (GMDN)
Peter McLaughlin, Northumbria Healthcare NHS FT (PM)	Willaim Lee, DHCW (WL)
Selina McNeil, NHS England (SM)	Alison Nell, Northumbria Healthcare NHS FT (AN)
Siobhain Duggan, GS1 Ireland (SD)	Amanda Creane, GS1 Ireland (AC)
Dave Harris, LPC (DH)	Rachael Ellis, Hull University Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust (RE)
Natalie Hackford, GS1 UK (NH)	

Apologies:

Anna Stec, NHS England	Jackie Pomroy, Independent Consultant
Simon Walsh, MFT	Luella Trickett, ABHI

James Mayne, University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Foundation Trust	Alistair Meek, NHS Shared Business Services
Gill Fox, NHS SC	Andrew Smallwood, NWSSP

Agenda:

10:00	Welcome and introductions/Dave and Judie	Ian Townend
10:05	Competition policy	George Lawton
10:10	Minutes from last meeting and actions log	George Lawton

Updates:

10:15	GS1 Global/UK update	Glen Hodgson/George Lawton
10:20	NHS Wales update	Andy Smallwood/Tracey Francis
10:25	NHS Scotland update	Lindsay Robertson
10:30	NHS England update	Anna Stec
10:35	NHS Supply Chain update	Gill Fox/Frankie Wallace
10:40	NETIS programme update	Curtis Fallows
10:45	MHRA update	Paras Shah
10:50	DHSC Med Tech update	Jasleen Rehal
10:55	Workstreams update	George Lawton

Existing workstreams:

- Staff ID
- Loan Kits
- Medicines Traceability

Presentations and discussion:

11:00	The DAU Bill and its impact, Hanida Tomlinson, Senior Programme Manager, Legislation and Interoperability, Transformation Directorate, NHS England
11:30	NHS Number for patient identification, Alison Nell, Head of Programme Delivery, Northumbria Healthcare Trust
11:55	AOB and Next meeting dates

Minutes

Action log



HUG action points
Nov 2024.xlsx

GS1 UK update

George Lawton

GS1 Global

- Native recognition programme is on track, Proof of concept accessing product information UNICEF and TRVST resolver is good to go. Moving to pilot phase with 50 manufacturers.
- Likelihood is a global resolver will be built
- Electronic patient information leaflet – current focus on potential funders with agnostic solutions. Paper here

GS1 UK

- EPR Guidance in final draft of review. Few final updates and to be sent out in approx. Two weeks for final review from HUG members
- New Hospital Programme – supplier engagement and importance of GS1 standards working towards a plan of engagement and inclusion of GLNs to be included in the Hospital Design toolkit

- Future connectivity team [RTLS guidance](#) updated to include information on GS1 standards
- Wound care management pathway with GS1 standards in progress
- [Scan4Safety research article](#) called "Complexities and capabilities of Scan4Safety in NHS hospitals: a qualitative study of a national demonstrator site" now available.



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NHS Wales

Tracey Francis

- Standards accepted and approved Information Governance Board
- Working with Welsh Govt to have the Welsh Circular published in the next couple of months

NHS Scotland programme update

Lindsay Robertson

- Target to have traceability of 75% of class III and IIb medical devices
- Working to go live in four health boards currently
- Ready to start UAT on Medical Devices Data hub with two health boards: Golden Jubilee and NHS Lothian
- Doing work around data and analytics and how tie into wider health datasets and info that PHE Scotland provides
- National Medical Equipment Management System- harmonising the data across all the boards and delivering a technical solution. Working on a new Target Operating Model on this
- New Comms and Engagement manager working on SharePoint site to give health board colleagues resources to get data in best possible shape
- Funding extended for programme another year
- By end of next financial year should have 12 health boards live with point of care scanning
- Product recall example is good endorsement for the programme



24-03-05 GS1 HUG
SfS update v1.0.pdf

Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) update

Jasleen Rehal

- Green light to launch the Procurement for Beta for the Product Information Master (PIM)
- Delivery partner estimated to start in May

NHS England update

- None given as Anna took unexpected leave

NHS Supply Chain

Frankie Wallace

- Currently live in nine trusts, eight of those Trusts are point of care scanning
- York and Rotherham went live in February and Bolton live this week (commencing 3 March)
- Stock audits underway
- Some Trusts have recruitment freeze in place, so resource is a challenge for them to support and causing delay
- Also aiming for traceability of 75 per cent class III and IIb medical devices
- Captured £1million across seven Trusts of write-off and wastage



- Siobhain shared an example in Ireland of a trust providing scanners for all staff and on boarding rather than informal borrowing between departments

Action: LR to reach out to SD to discuss this example with the team at the trust in Ireland

National Equipment Tracking Information System (NETIS) update

Curtis Fellows

- Pulling to data, standardise and have real time access
- Built a proof of concept in April 2024
- Found since better ways of doing things
- Agreement and proposal to ingest asset data directly from Trusts directly from asset system
- Plan to obtain info on 80 per cent of assets using APIs without any requirement from Trusts
- Currently writing to CEOs at hospital Trusts to raise awareness and then asking for approval – need this before developing technical side
- By Oct 2025 plan to receive 60 per cent of assets from Trusts with 85 per cent by April 2026 – this will help drive some informed decisions
- Premise is asset data and product data – data standardisation where global standards come in
- Working with MHRA get access to product library
- Believe will have 2.5 million assets in the system for go live



MHRA update

- Premarket SI is closed and all responses being reviewed and awaiting response to be released soon
- After this intend to share with WHO in May/June and parliament in December
- If passed should come into force May 2026 – By 2029 UDIs will be mandatory
- Registration fees update is still with the Minister

Action: MS to share examples on impact of Scan4Safety on product recall time saving with Paras

Workstreams update

Loan kit workstream

- Loan kit working group supported by Jackie Pomroy – current writing a guidance on best practice for managing loan kits. Next step to go to suppliers and solution providers

Pharmacy workstream

- Amna Khan Patel has written a paper on closed loop medicines system. She will be presenting about this at the conference alongside two blueprints on this. Re-establishing pharmacy working group to co-chair the group

Staff ID workstream

- Introduced to DSIT for intro to team working on digital identification. Trust framework exists for this already and GSRN is a potential component of this. Also, gone back to Ian's team to push the GSRN as a verified credential for staff identification as part of the digital staff passport programme.

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Next meeting dates:

Wednesday 11 June 14:00 – 16:00

Thursday 18 September 10:00 – 12:00

Wednesday 10 December 10:00 – 12:00