GS1 UK healthcare user group minutes
Wednesday 11 June 2025
Virtual meeting – Microsoft Teams

Present:

Ian Townend, NHS England (IT) (Chairing)	George Lawton, GS1 UK (GL)
Maxine Chappell, NHS England (MC)	Mark Stevens, Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust (MS)
Martin Muir, Royal Papworth NHS Trust (MM)	Andrew Smallwood, NWSSP (AS)
Frankie Wallace, NHS Supply Chain (FW)	Mark Songhurst, Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust (MS)
Lindsay Robertson, NSS NHS Scotland (LR)	Richard McVeigh (DHCNI) (RM)
Kelsey Flott, NHS E (KF)	Jo Goulding, NHS England (JG)
Anna Stec, NHS England (ASt)	Paras Shah, MHRA (PS)
James Mayne, University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Foundation Trust (JM)	Jodie Vincent, NHS Supply Chain (JV)
Luella Trickett, ABHI (LT)	Dr Julia Coombes, Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (JC)
Graham Walsh, YAHSN (GW)	Jonathan Hilton, Sheffield Teaching NHS Trust (JH)
Smita Robinson, MHRA (SR)	Deniz Bruce (GMDN) (DB)
Emmanuel Akinluyi, GSTT (EA)	Nicky Waters, NHS Scot (NW)
Natalie Hackford, GS1 UK (NH)	
Juliette New, GS1 UK (JN)	

Apologies:

Jasleen Rehal, DHSC (JR)	Jackie Pomroy, Independent Consultant (JP)
Simon Walsh, MFT (SW)	Andrew Stradling, LPP (AStr)
Tracey Francis, DHCW (TF)	Rachael Ellis, Hull University Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust (RE)
Gill Fox, NHS SC (GF)	

Agenda:
14:00   Welcome and introductions   Ian Townend
14:05   Competition policy   George Lawton
14:10   Minutes from last meeting and actions log   George Lawton

Updates:
14:15   GS1 Global/UK update   George Lawton
14:20   NHS Wales update   Andy Smallwood/Tracey Francis
14:25   NHS Scotland update   Lindsay Robertson
14:30   NHS England update   Kelsey Flott
14:35   NHS Supply Chain update   Gill Fox/Frankie Wallace
14:40   DHSC Med Tech update   Jasleen Rehal
14:45   NETIS programme update   Curtis Fallows
14:50   MHRA update   Paras Shah
14:55   Workstreams update   George Lawton

Existing workstreams:
- Staff ID
- Loan Kits
- Medicines Traceability

Presentations and discussion:

15:00   Regional update, NE and NC adoption group
15:10   NHS England and the Blood Inquiry, Ian Townend
15:20   Enhancing Traceability and Patient Safety in Blood Transfusion, Martin Muir, Royal Papworth Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
15:40   Q&A
16:00   Close

Next meeting dates:
Thursday 18 September 10:00 – 12:00
Wednesday 10 December 10:00 – 12:00

Minutes

Action Log

HUG action points Jun 2025.xlsx

GS1 UK update

George Lawton
GS1 Global
- Glen is starting a new role in July as VP for healthcare at GS1 Global and George has been appointed as Glen's successor as head of healthcare for GS1 UK
- The native recognition programme is on track, should have a firm update on this at next HUG meeting as couple of months away
- Work on epi is accelerating following a meeting with the European Medicines Agency
- Successful GS1 UK conference held in April with content on website here
- Attended IHI Quality and Safety forum, NHS Scotland events

- Healthcare suppliers' perspective - Following the NHS SC stock takes and the barcode audit at Hull, we continue to work with suppliers to remedy the barcode issues and are working on a Barcoding best practice guide

NHS Wales

Andrew Smallwood

- The last of the Welsh health boards will start scanning patients next week, making all health boards live with patient scanning to some extent
- Currently, around 1,200 patients' procedure details are being captured, with product values going through the management systems amounting to approximately £6.1 million per month, automating about £80,000 requisition lines
- A year-end stock check was conducted with Rob Drag, scanning around 43,000 stock lines with a 91% success rate, and removing 634 expired lines from the shelf
- Welsh Government has yet to publish the Welsh Health Circular related to standards, and a date is still awaited

NHS Scotland programme update

Lindsay Robertson

- Rolling out medical device data hub – an online portal that will be available to clinicians and health boards
- Went live in Borders and Highland on the 31 March and next into orthopaedics
- Next boards to target are Ayrshire and Arran, Forth Valley, Lanarkshire, Grampian and Glasgow
- Developing target operating model with senior management team in national procurement to understand how to support the programme long term

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Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) update

Jasleen Rehal (update from email presented by George)

- Almost nearing the end of procurement process for beta
- Jasleen will keep people updated via the normal routes
- Jasleen is happy for people to reach out to her if they don't usually receive her updates and want to – so she can add to the stakeholder list
- The contract start date will be agreed with the chosen supplier but could be as soon as late June/early July

NHS England update

Kelsey Flott
- Submitted two funding applications for research into the patient safety benefits of Scan4Safety, one of which wasn't successful. The other, which is research on the patient safety benefits on has been successful.
- About to start a group to develop implementation guidelines for Scan4Safety
- Also been exploring work around different use cases for scanning and so focused a lot historically on point of care scanning in theatres but now linked in with the closed loop medicines work by NHS England

Anna Stec
- Published a podcast on the website with Ricky from Doncaster and Bassetlaw Trust
- Challenge highlighted by trusts about wifi and scanners and challenges of scanning functionality such as light
- Anna suggested engagement with manufacturers on barcodes to address some of the challenges
- George explained that there is an established supplier adoption group that is working on the Barcoding best practice guidance

Ian to provide a contact to Anna who has the technical knowledge of EPRs to help navigate the challenges of integration and upload to ensure information can be uploaded into MDOR

If anyone in the group has a procurement specification for scanners, please share with Anna

NHS Supply Chain

Frankie Wallace

- 14 trusts live on the programme and the remaining five should be live by the end of November which is when the current programme comes to an end
- 19th trust due to go live over the next two to three months
- There are 39 different areas across the 19 trusts that are now live
  Still having some interfacing challenges with some trusts as well, particularly in terms of those interfaces between the inventory management and purchase to pay systems
- Re-established engagement with the Outcome and Registries team. A deliverable of the programme is to make sure that trusts on the programme have the capability at least to explore the data that's held in the IMS which needs to be submitted to the outcomes registry
- The central commercial function have gone through a process of reprioritisation of the strategic interventions with the ICS and heads of procurement. There were two separate priorities for IMS and Scan4Safety and the two have been brought together and are now the responsibility of NHS SC
- Published premarket notice on the IMS and POC deployment framework and are holding two market engagement sessions in the next week

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National Equipment Tracking Information System (NETIS) update

Jodie Vincent

- System is moving forward and had positive engagement with EBME (Electrical and biomedical engineering) trusts that are in the pipeline to move forward with data ingestion
- Challenge currently is the wait for the data sharing agreement (DSA) which could impact the timeline
- Exhibiting at the EBME Expo in a couple of weeks

MHRA update

- Last update still stands – pre-market regulations being finalised going through processes that Parliament requires for next July to be live in three years for medical devices and five years for IVD, so regulations come out in July 2026
- In 2029 MHRA will go live for medical device and 2031 for IVDs
- Post-market surveillance regulation goes live in five days – reporting industry requirements and extra data capture required

Workstreams update

Loan kit workstream
- Loan kit guidance being written by GS1 UK team. Next step is review by Jackie Pomroy and original workstream group. Following steps include review from solution providers and suppliers.

Pharmacy workstream
- Initial pharmacy group meeting held at conference. Actions include barcode form for trusts to complete when barcode issues occur. Letter to be drafted to MHRA on GTIN data and 2D DataMatrix for medicines

Staff ID workstream
- Plan to have GSRN as verified credential on DSIT framework – GS1 UK team to meet with DSIT team to confirm process

RFID workstream
- RFID group formed with Rachael Ellis and representatives from Norway and Denmark. Developing a maturity model.

Presentations and discussion:

Regional update, NE and NC adoption group, Natalie Hackford

- Two significant meetings across Northeast and N Cumbria, so NE and N Cumbria. It consists of eight trusts: Durham and Darlington, Gateshead, Newcastle, Northumbria, North Tees, Cumbria, South Tees and South Tyneside and Sunderland
  First meeting was chaired by Professor Graham Evans, chief digital and infrastructure officer for the ICB and key presentations from: Scott Hislop from HSSIB (Health Services Safety Investigations Body), Kelsey Flott from NHS England, Gill Fox from NHS Supply Chain and Johnny Orritt, NHS England
- Discussions at this meeting were very much focused on the ambitions of the ICS, and how to expand and adopt digital data and technology solutions
- Second meeting was at St James's hospital over in Leeds with Mark Songhurst, Steve Bush and Ben Womack. They presented to the group showcasing their Scan4Safety journey and ongoing plans including live bed state, pressure ulcer management and expansion of Supply X.

NHS England and the Blood Inquiry, Ian Townend

- TSAS team have been doing quite a lot of work on the blood inquiry along with NHS BT and the DHSC recommendations around digital.
- Stakeholders are currently working on a programme of modernisation with several digital elements and there is a data ask around usability

Action: Ian/George to invite NHS BT to come and to present on their plans for addressing the challenges from the Blood Inquiry.

Enhancing traceability and patient safety in blood transfusion –Martin Muir, Royal Papworth Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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