



## GS1 UK healthcare user group minutes 10 December 2025

### GS1 UK and global updates

George Lawton provided an update on GS1 UK activity:

- Recent GS1 global announcement about native scanning integration with Google Lens on Android devices. This feature enables direct access to medicine information via native camera apps, enhancing sustainability by reducing the need for paper leaflets.
- The rollout is currently medicine-focused but expected to expand in future with Apple devices anticipated to follow soon
- George highlighted the need to find out the inclusion of GS1 standards in procurement/tender documents especially as the NHS terms and conditions for the supply of goods and services is under review
- Mark Stevens is the newly appointed Scan4Safety lead for the HCSA and is working collaboratively with the healthcare team
- Amna Khan-Patel will be starting with the healthcare team in January. Amna was the clinical fellow for Rahul Singal, chief pharmacy and medicines information officer at NHS England.
- Infographic created to demonstrate where GS1 standards fit alongside other standards adopted in the NHS

### Action:

- George to link in directly with anyone interested in the GS1 Global announcement
- Rachael Ellis offered to share the EPR tender information on GS1 standards included in their recent documentation

### NHS Scotland update

Simon White and Lindsay Robertson provided the following update:

- Scotland's medical device data hub and implementation programme is addressing teething issues with data visibility
- They are developing a national medical equipment reporting system with a minimum viable product expected by April–May 2026 to give visibility at national and local level on where equipment is located
- Budget approval from the Scottish Government allows extension of staff contracts. In last year of programme target operating model will continue to be developed with work on implementation and governance integration, especially device surveillance.
- The program has achieved 30 per cent device traceability, with ongoing efforts to increase health board implementation. Implementation timelines have been adjusted due to resource constraints, with some health boards delayed to next year.
- Clinical reception has been positive, with clinicians appreciating enhanced data visibility without workflow disruption. The program also focuses on change management and standardising processes across multiple sites and specialties



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### Electronic patient record (EPR) integration and data management

- James Mayne discussed challenges in integrating Scan4Safety data with new EPR systems, highlighting issues with data duplication and clinician data entry accuracy
- He emphasised the importance of interfaces such as HL7 and APIs to streamline data flow and reduce duplication, mentioning the use of Genesis API in Scotland as a positive example
- The conversation extended to broader data management, including linking clinical and financial data and improving data quality for medical device outcome registries

- The need for standardised product classification and risk class identifiers was noted to support accurate reporting and data sharing
- George Lawton confirmed the attendance of Beata Lisowska, chief architect for the Canonical Data Model at the next healthcare user group meeting

### **NHS Supply Chain - Inventory Management and Point of Care programme, England**

Frankie Wallace provided an update on the inventory management and point of care programme in England:

- Full go-live across all 19 trusts with 83 specialty-level implementations
- The program forecasts £11 million in savings for the financial year, with significant reductions in cancelled operations due to stock availability
- Challenges include managing multiple vendors, catalogue solutions, and ensuring effective change management for hospital materials management staff
- The programme plans to continue rolling out inventory management systems nationally, aiming for consistent standards across trusts over the next five years
- A new procurement framework for inventory and scanning systems is expected to be awarded by March–April 2026
- Collaboration with NHS Supply Chain and development of data integration tools with the Federal Data Platform (FDP) are also underway to enhance supply chain resilience and stock planning



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### **Product Information Management (PIM) development**

Alfie Oliver provided an overview of the Product Information Management (PIM) system:

- The PIM is as a centralised database for medical device information using GS1 GTINs and the GMDN classification
- The system is in beta with supplier onboarding underway and prototypes developed for both consumers (NHS users) and providers (manufacturers). Upcoming plans include user testing, stakeholder interviews, and API integration development to facilitate direct data consumption from PIM.
- Engagement with stakeholders aims to refine the system to meet diverse needs across the healthcare sector

### **National Equipment Tracking Information System (NETIS)**

Update provided by Curtis Fallows prior to meeting, read by George Lawton:

- The NETIS system is still due to be launched in April 2026 – the original project plan anticipated 80 per cent of asset data would be in the system for NHS system users to utilise by April, but this is now likely to be a lower figure of around 50 per cent due to delays in some of the build. We still aim to achieve 80 per cent by Q2 of 26/27.
- They are currently engaging with NHS customers, at local, regional and network level to obtain data sharing agreements and are now starting to see positive movement in both acceptance and provision of data
- Their short term focus is to have a functional NETIS system with accurate and complete national datasets for CT, MR, Surgical Robotics and Radiotherapy Systems assets – the rationale for this is based on high demand for these datasets from key stakeholders across the NHS system and government – supporting proposals that will help and support the NHS 10 Year Health Plan. They are also supporting as part of a National Robotics Asset Registry which will be a transformational dataset to support longer term strategy.
- They have a couple of important legal items that need finalising in the coming weeks including a data sharing agreement with MHRA which is currently with their legal team – MHRA have been supportive to this point
- Key users will be selected to complete UAT on the system during the first quarter of 2026 and feedback from this will be used to develop the system further ahead of launch

## **Presentation 1: New Hospital Programme, Nata Zaman, deputy director of equipping, NHS England**

Nata Zaman outlined the New Hospital Programme's approach to GS1 standards, focusing on tracking, tracing and locating assets and staff within smart hospital buildings.

The programme aims to embed GLNs in all new hospital locations to enable lifecycle tracking of building components and assets, supporting the NHS 10 Year Health Plan and improving maintenance efficiency. Collaboration with construction industry stakeholders is ongoing to promote GS1 adoption in hospital infrastructure. The programme also seeks alignment with PIM to avoid data duplication and to maintain updated asset databases for new hospitals.

## **Presentation 2: Global Location Numbers – why? Ces Crump, performance & information manager, Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust**

Cecilia Crump shared practical experience from multiple trusts implementing GLNs within estates departments

- Ces highlighted initial resistance due to lack of funding and understanding. Gradual implementation integrated GLNs into CAFM systems, facilitating diverse applications such as cleaning schedules, monitoring, and maintenance workflows
- The importance of establishing procedures for GLN assignment during new builds and refurbishments was stressed to avoid costly retrospective efforts
- Challenges in mental health settings related to barcode placement and perceptions were noted, underscoring the need for tailored approaches
- Link to [DBTH case study](#)

## **Meeting closure and future**

The meeting concluded with a call for feedback to improve group effectiveness, plans to schedule future meetings in the new year and holiday greetings.

**Action:** George to send out dates for 2026 HUG meetings

## **Meeting attendees**

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George Lawton, GS1 UK

Cecilia Crump, Doncaster and Bassetlaw Hospitals NHS Trust

Mark Songhurst, Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust

James Mayne, University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Foundation Trust

William Lee, BHTA

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Lindsay Robertson, NHS Scotland

Frankie Wallace, NHS Supply Chain

Paul Wright, NHS England

Nata Zaman, NHS England