Healthcare supplier adoption group facilitated by GS1 UK

Meeting #1

Agenda and minutes
Thursday 30 March 2023, 14.00 – 16.00 GMT

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Guest Presenters

- Simon Walsh (Manchester University NHS FT (MFT))
- Mark Stevens (Manchester University NHS FT (MFT))
- Deborah Stevenson (Manchester University NHS FT (MFT))

Apologies

- SH Shauntell Harper (Smith + Nephew)
- PP Penny Pei (Smith + Nephew)
Agenda

14.00 Welcome and introductions All
14.10 Competition policy All
14.15 Guest presentation: Scan4Safety at MFT - GS1 standards in action! Simon Walsh/Mark Stevens/Deborah Stevenson
14.45 Group focus discussion All
   Terms of reference review
   Length and frequency of meetings
   Co-chair nominations
   Purpose and direction of the group: top-of-mind
   SME members
   Training
   Guest speakers
   Other organisations (e.g., trade associations/NHS providers)
15.45 S4S four nations supplier letter All
15.50 Member proposition document All
15.55 Next meeting date and close All

Next meetings
2.00pm – 4.00pm Thursday 6 July
2.00pm – 4.00pm Thursday 28 September
2.00pm – 4.00pm Thursday 18 January

Proposed guest for next meeting: Simon White, Programme Director, Scan for Safety, NHS Scotland.

Minutes
Item 1 Presentation
Item 2 Terms of reference review
Item 3 Length and frequency of meetings
Item 4 Co-chair nominations
Item 5 Purpose and direction of the group: top-of-mind
Item 6 SME members
Item 7 Training
Item 8 Guest speakers
Item 9 Other organisations (e.g., trade associations/NHS providers)
Item 10 S4S four nations supplier letter
Item 1: Presentation Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust

Item 2: Terms of reference review
- General agreement on the terms of reference - remove aspect of promoting the programme and focus on support

Item 3: Length and frequency of meetings
- Agreement from the group for a two-hour meeting every quarter
- Consider an in-person meeting at an NHS trust to include a demonstration of a use case

Item 4: Co-chair nominations
- Caroline asked all members to consider if they would like to take the role of co-chair. Anyone interested to contact Caroline directly.

Action all: Contact Caroline re: co-chair role if interested

Item 5: Purpose and direction of the group: top-of-mind
Adoption of ‘one source of truth’ data.
- Agreement across the group that a single source of data is an important step towards improving the data within trust inventory management systems to enable supply chain efficiencies and point of care scanning
- Use of the Global Data Synchronisation Network (GDSN) is a significant question that needs to be addressed
- Interest in which suppliers are GS1 compliant and which are using the GDSN

Clarification required with healthcare system on healthcare supplier requirements, by when and what the information will be used for
- What exactly are the expectations from trusts of suppliers?
- Clarification required in terms of implementation, scope and timelines. We have an obligation to hold the healthcare system to account.

Tender process to include S4S and rewards for compliance
- S4S needs funding support to demonstrate commitment from the centre
- Align the tendering process across the NHS to include the adoption of GS1 standards

Identify low hanging fruit for SMEs. How can we drive this programme?
- Compliance status of the supplier base
- Education required

S4S adoption status of providers:
- Need more examples of where trusts are using GS1 standards for supply chain and point-of-care scanning. And to better understand exactly what trusts are using the standards for; what are their plans? This will better motivate suppliers to meet the requirements.
- Share what we know about trusts using GTINs and how
- List of which hospitals are using which use-cases, heat-map of S4S use cases
- Share the contacts on the global leadership team with the group
• Set up a reporting mechanism for trusts to bring to light any issues they are having with non-compliance
• Share global adoption information of other healthcare systems around the world with similar programmes (Alberta, Canada) - Global Reference Book
• Consider waste management as a driver for the adoption of GS1 standards by trusts
• GS1 UK working on a picture of the inventory management and point of care adoption
• Baseline of adoption across the different use cases

**Action GL: Share IMS info once reviewed**

Group in favour of providing support to getting it right on the supplier side
• Chair to feedback to the healthcare user group

Additional questions/comments:
• What is the commercial exposure?
• We need to influence the ‘top table’
• How can we partner with the NHS differently to make a difference?

**Item 6: SME members**
• SMEs feel that the adoption of GS1 standards is a complex process, costly and time-consuming with little expertise and resources

**Action CF: Invite SMEs to join the group**

**Item 7: Training**
Education material that simplifies the language and tells a story.

Suggestions:
• Educate suppliers that what the NHS is asking for is the same as that required from the regulators across the world
• ‘Barcoding – getting it right’ for medical devices
• Education for customer facing colleagues to include a ‘simplification of language’. Bring UDI and S4S together. ‘Starter kit’ to be composed by the group to avoid using GS1 language. Train the members of this group so they can train their colleagues. Tell a ‘better’ story. Story telling from a commercial perspective versus a technical perspective.
• Share examples of when implementations have not worked and highlight where it has gone wrong
• A guide for the labelling departments, more technical

**Action CF: Invite group members to form a working group**

**Item 8: Guest speakers**
• All agreed that it is useful to have NHS organisations to present at each group meeting

**Action CF: Arrange NHS organisation to present at next meeting**

**Item 9: Other organisations (e.g., trade associations/NHS providers)**
• Alignment with the ABHI S4S working group
• Ensure coordination with the 4 Nations Supplier Engagement group

**Action GL and CF: Confirm objectives of each group with Luella Trickett at the ABHI**
**Item 10: S4S four nations supplier letter**

- Four nations S4S letter was not explicit enough. Want to know exactly what they are doing and the next steps to achieve this and how suppliers can support.

**Action CF: Ask four nation S4S leads to present at future meetings**