Healthcare supplier adoption group facilitated by GS1 UK
Meeting #3

Agenda and minutes
Thursday 28 September 2023, 14.00 – 16.00 BST

Attended
CB  Caroline Beecham (Chair)  BD
CF  Chris Florey  GS1 UK
GL  George Lawton  GS1 UK
JY  Jenny Young  Convatec
SK  Sinead Kennedy  Cook UK
IW  Ian Whitham  Cook UK
SL  Sophie Larard  J+J Medical
MG  Mark Gillanders  Pennine Healthcare
ChC  Charlie Cowpe  De Soutter Medical
AB  Angus Beckley  De Soutter Medical
IY*  Ilker Yilmaz  Gama Healthcare
FW*  Frankie Wallace  NHS Supply Chain
GH  Glen Hodgson  GS1 UK
*New members

Apologies
MD  Malcolm Dobson  B.Braun
CC  Clare Clarke  Amity International
TC  Tony Coulson  Steeper Group
GiL  Gideon Lake (Co-chair)  Teleflex Medical
DO  David Oakes  Cardinal Health
MB  Michelle Brill  3M
HS  Hélène Sauvage  Teleflex Medical

Other group members
RM  Ricky McCoy  Smith + Nephew
PP  Penny Pei  Smith + Nephew
SH  Shauntell Harper  Smith + Nephew
VG  Vicky Green  Medtronic
RB-T  Robin Bell-Taylor  Cardinal Health
HM  Haide Masters  Cardinal Health
AM-C  Amber Harrison-Crudge  J+J Medical
Agenda

14.00 Welcome and introductions for new members All
14.05 Competition policy All
14.10 **Presentation**: Outcomes registries programme CF/GL
14.40 **Minutes and actions review** All
   - HUG representative All
   - Invite the MDOR programme leads to this meeting CF
   - NHS SC IMS programme updates to be shared with the group FW
   - To collaborate on the education for customer facing colleagues, particularly the sales team and the aim is for these colleagues to obtain the knowledge base to drive curiosity at trusts about the S4S programme. CF/JY
   - Barcode surgery for providers – review with the wider GS1 UK industry engagement team and report back to next meeting GS1 UK
   - Trust implementation tracker – meet with IW to discuss further GL/CF
15.00 **Information** All
   - GS1 UK update GL/CF
   - NHS SC IMS programme/UDI on medical consumable FW
15.15 **Education** All
   - GS1 UK Barcoding success bitesize series review All
   - UDI one-pager for customer facing colleagues CF/JY
15.35 **Driving adoption/implementation** All
   - Barcode surgery for NHS trusts All
   - Trust implementation tracker All
15.50 AOB All

Minutes:
Item 1 Presentation
Item 2 Minutes and actions review
Item 3 GS1 UK update
Item 4 NHS SC IMS programme/UDI on medical consumable
Item 5 GS1 UK Barcoding success bitesize series review
Item 6 UDI one-pager for customer facing colleagues
Item 7 Barcode surgery for NHS trusts
Item 8 Trust implementation tracker
Item 1: Outcomes registries programme – CF shared the slides from Simon Snowden’s presentation in his absence.

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Item 2: Minutes and actions review
- No comments on the minutes from the last meeting. Action log to be shared before each meeting with the agenda.

**Action CF: Share action log**

Item 3: GS1 UK update
- Will be supporting the NHS Supply Chain (NHS SC) IMS programme by way of educating the new recruits and joining the trust workshops to educate trust staff and support the product audits
- GS1 UK is a member of the PIM Stakeholder Group
- Working with NHS England around closed-loop medicines management over the next few months
- Started receiving problem barcode labels from trusts via the new webform. Manufacturers can submit labels for checking at: [https://www.gs1uk.org/industries/healthcare/supplier-barcode-verification](https://www.gs1uk.org/industries/healthcare/supplier-barcode-verification)
- Events:
  - [https://www.nhsprocurement.org.uk/events/hcsa-winter-conference-2023](https://www.nhsprocurement.org.uk/events/hcsa-winter-conference-2023)
  - International Forum on Safety and Quality in Healthcare, 10-12 April 2024

**Action CF: Presenter for next meeting**

Item 4: NHS SC IMS programme/UDI on medical consumable
- IMS to be rolled out across 20 trusts in England by 2024. Further communications will be released shortly, which will be shared with the group. Frankie Wallace is now the Data Standards Engagement Manager at NHS SC.
- Large deployment team has been recruited into the hospital services business unit. A new director joining in October. This team will be responsible for continued support over the five years of the programme and into the future as this is rolled out to further trusts. A small team of three/four will do into each trust to work with the system vendor.
- GS1 is the preferred coding standard
- Each trust must have a business case signed off to include not just the 25 per cent of the costs for the first two years, but 100 per cent of the cost for the further three years
- Trusts are actively requesting that medical consumables are barcoded at the lowest packaging level

Item 5: GS1 UK Barcoding success bitesize series review
- GS1 Barcoding success series – [Bitesize sessions](https://www.gs1uk.org/industries/healthcare/supplier-barcode-verification)
- No feedback received from the group members

**Action all: Barcoding success bitesize series - group members to provide feedback:**
- Are the modules providing the right content for manufacturers?
- Right level? Too easy? Too difficult?
- Are objectives and aims clear?
**Item 6: UDI one-pager for customer facing colleagues.**
- The ‘ask’ is for a non-technical education for customer facing colleagues to ‘drive curiosity’ within the trusts about the S4S programme
- JY presented one the UDI one-pager that will be shared with the business
- Need here is for a one-pager that will introduce the Scan4Safety principles, as well as the UDI principles

**Action CF:** To produce the one-pager and share with the group in advance of the next meeting

**Item 7: Barcode surgery for NHS trusts**
- GS1 UK have created a webform for trusts to report barcode issues [https://www.gs1uk.org/industries/healthcare/nhs-barcode-verification](https://www.gs1uk.org/industries/healthcare/nhs-barcode-verification)
- Provisional date of March 2024 for a workshop in Leeds with trusts. Details to be confirmed.

**Action CF:** Update on the event at the next meeting

**Item 8: Trust implementation tracker**
- IW expressed concern about the low-level visibility of provider adoption of GS1 standards for scanning of barcodes on medical devices. Cook are investigating the possibility of launching a programme in the US to ask their top 100 customers about their levels of barcode scanning and what and where they are using this for.
- GH added, more than 95 per cent of medical devices are identified and barcoded using GS1 standards. UDI regulation is a driver for the adoption of GS1 standards. What is the question we are trying to answer? Where is this data held? Can we connect with the EHR providers who will have access to the data about barcode scanning that we want?
- The programmes throughout the UK are driving the introduction of more IMSs that include point-of-care scanning and barcode scanning for inventory management. The PIM programme aims to be a single point of truth for medical device data, which in turn can feed the numerous IMSs. The expectation is that this could be fed by manufacturers using the GDSN.

**Next meetings:**
- 2.00pm – 4.00pm Thursday 18 January 2024
- 2.00pm – 4.00pm Thursday 18 April 2024