

Healthcare supplier adoption group facilitated by GS1 UK

Meeting #4

Agenda and minutes

Thursday 18 January 2024, 14.00–16.00 BST

Attended		
GiL	Gideon Lake (Co-chair)	Teleflex Medical
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
EC	Ann Cole	Baxter
ABA	Al Bara Awad	Masimo
Apologies		
CB	Caroline Beecham (Chair)	BD
DO	David Oakes	Cardinal Health
TC	Tony Coulson	Steeper Group
AM-C	Amber Harrison-Crudge	J+J Medical
RB-T	Robin Bell-Taylor	Cardinal Health
VG	Vicky Green	Medtronic
Other group members		
RM	Ricky McCoy	Smith + Nephew
PP	Penny Pei	Smith + Nephew
SH	Shauntell Harper	Smith + Nephew
HM	Haide Masters	Cardinal Health
MM	Marina Madokoro	J+J Medical
DF	Dawn Fowler	Masimo

Agenda

14.00	Welcome	All
14.05	Competition policy	All
14.10	Presentation: UDI in the NHS.	Mark Songhurst, Programme Manager Scan4Safety, The Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust
14.40	Minutes and actions review	All
	GS1 Bite-sized UDI Training - 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?	All
	S4S one-pager	All
	MS Teams	CF
15.00	Information	All
	GS1 UK update	GL/CF
	NHS SC IMS programme	FW
	Production information in delivery notes. Barcodes on fluid bags.	CF/GL
15.15	Education	All
	S4S one-pager	
	Supplier event	
15.35	Driving adoption/implementation	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
- Item 5 Production information in delivery notes. Barcodes on fluid bags.
- Item 6 S4S one-pager for customer facing colleagues
- Item 7 Supplier event

Item 1: UDI in the NHS – Mark Songhurst, Programme Manager Scan4Safety, The Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust

Item 2: Minutes and actions review

- No comments on the minutes from the last meeting.

Action JY: To share bite size series with less experienced colleagues for feedback

Item 3: GS1 UK update

- Scan4Safety sits in the medical directorate and Kelsey Flott, deputy director of patient safety is current lead.
- Anna Stec is working with Kelsey in the Scan4Safety team and is leading on the [Scan4Safety website](#)
- There is also an NHS Futures platform within the website which is a chat forum for providers and suppliers to pose questions
- There is a collaborative Scan4Safety Advisory Group with representation from the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA), NHS England, NHS Supply Chain and the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC)
- GS1 UK team are also working with the new hospital programme
- There is also NHS E activity that the GS1 UK healthcare team are supporting on closed loop medicines and understanding the landscape and challenges

Action CF: Presenter for next meeting

Item 4: NHS SC IMS programme

- Large deployment team has been recruited into the hospital services business unit. This team will be responsible for whilst the systems are being deployed, with ongoing support from the Inventory Management Centre of Excellence team support over the lifespan of the programme and into the future as this is rolled out to further trusts. A small team of three/four will go into each trust to work with the trust team and system vendor.
- 18 trusts in the pipeline and the remaining two about to be confirmed. Four of the 18 have their business case signed off and have moved to the pre-implementation stage. We are running technical workshops, mapping out processes, and which IMS provider they will be working with. We've also started with stocktakes to get the data ready for the IMS.
- Delays are caused by the unexpected length of time it takes to get the business case signed off in the trust
- NHS SC Supplier Requirements Draft Guidance draft to be shared and discussed with trade associations. All feedback welcome
- Looking inward and outward to obtain more GTIN data, including exploring the GDSN again, and recruiting to the Commercial Directorate Centre of Excellence team and part of their remit is to look at standardising processes standards and methodology/systems

Action all: NHS SC Supplier Requirements Draft Guidance shared with the group for feedback by 9 February

Item 5: Production information in delivery notes. Barcodes on fluid bags.

- Production information is requested on invoices, particularly the serial number for warranty and asset tracking and as it is appearing there it is easy to add to delivery notes. Also used for customs and for customers in other markets that don't have barcode scanning systems in place yet.
- AC was asked what barcodes are being applied to fluid bags at Baxter

Action AC: To investigate what barcodes are being applied to fluid bags at Baxter

Item 6: S4S 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
- CF presented one the S4S one pager and immediate feedback received

Action all: To review the S4S one pager

Item 7: Supplier event

- Introduced the idea of a supplier event on 23 April 2024
- The aim is to improve collaboration through a better understanding of the application of GS1 standards for the Scan4Safety programme
- The objective is to bring together healthcare industry stakeholders to share updates on the activities across the UK that make the use of GS1 standards and S4S principles to share the challenges faced and to agree on ways of working to overcome the challenges

- Initial response was that seems only a short time away
- Split into two work streams; one for those new to S4S and another for those organisations that are mature
- Hold workshops
- What can we do in this space to encourage further adoption of S4S?
- Perhaps have a satellite event to a conference/exhibition that we are already attending
- Leverage venues of the trade associations

Action CF/GL: To discuss this further internally and set up further meetings to update the group

Next meetings:

2.00pm – 4.00pm Thursday 18 April 2024

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