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# GS1 standards are helping the NHS to save thousands of lives and millions of pounds

**In 2014 the UK Department of Health mandated the use of GS1 standards across the NHS**

- All NHS Trusts must adopt GS1 standards
- Every supplier of every product and service into the NHS must also become GS1 compliant

With an organisation the size of the NHS, the challenge is being faced head-on in a collaborative programme between GS1 UK, the Department of Health and NHS Trusts in a stepped approach.

**1** Ministerial sponsorship

**5** Healthcare User Group

**4** Healthcare Advisory Board

**2** NHS Trusts' commitment

**7** Training, support and consultancy

**6** Engagement with trade associations

**3** Core enablers for implementing GS1 standards

## Next steps

The Department of Health is making funding available to fast-track a small number of NHS Trusts for early adoption of GS1 standards.

These demonstrator sites will give clear guidance and best practise for other NHS Trusts.

Learn more about GS1 UK's work in healthcare **www.gs1uk.org/healthcare**