

## GS1 UK Healthcare User Group Thursday 21 October 2021

**Present:**

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| Ian Townend – NHSX (IT) – HUG Chair                                 | Bayode Adisa – Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (BA)         |
| Jackie Pomroy – J Pomroy Consultancy (JP)                           | David Lawson – Guy’s & St Thomas’ NHS Foundation Trust (DL)                     |
| Andrew Stevenson – BHTA   | Luella Trickett – ABHI (LT)   |
| Mark Vallentine – NHS Supply Chain (MV)                             | Stef Curry – Royal Papworth Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (SC)                  |
| Heather Jacques – Hull University Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust (HJ) | Simon Walsh – Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust (SW)                   |
| Marc Saaiman – South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (MS)       | Judie Finesilver – Pharmacy consultant (JF)                                     |
| David Harris – East Lancashire Hospitals NHS Trust (DH)             | Gill Foley – NHSX (GF)  |
| Gillian Fox – DHL Life Sciences (GFox)                              | Andrea Smith – Sheffield University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (AS)         |
| Richard Price – University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust (RP)        | Neil Hind – Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership (GMHSCP) (NH) |
| Philip Graham – Blackpool Teaching Hospitals (PG)                   | Lindsay Robertson – Scottish Government (LR)                                    |
| Glen Hodgson – GS1 UK (GH)  | Jo Goulding – GS1 UK (JG)   |
| Juliette New – GS1 UK (JN)  | Natasha Smith – GS1 UK (NS)   |
| George Lawton – GS1 UK (GL)   | Paul Reid – GS1 UK (PR)   |
| Fadi El-Turk – GS1 UK (FET)   |   |

**Apologies:**

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| Andy Smallwood – NHS Wales (AS)                     | Rachael Ellis – Hull University Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust (RE)                |
| James Griffiths – NHS Wales (JGr)                   | Andrew Crosbie – Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (AC)        |
| Liz Ashall-Payne – Orcha (LP)                       | Andrew Davies – NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE/I) (AD)                    |
| Vicky Green – Medtronic (VG)                        | James Mayne – University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Foundation Trust (JM) |
| Damian Moore – Portfolio Discovery Lead, HSCNI (DM) | AnnMarie Shaw – Liverpool (AMS)  |

## Agenda

|       |                                       |                   |
|-------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 10.00 | Welcome and introductions             | Ian Townend / All |
| 10.05 | Competition policy                    | Jo Goulding       |
| 10.10 | Review of actions log (embedded)      | Ian Townend       |
| 10.15 | NHSX Digital Clinical Safety Strategy | Ian Townend       |
| 10.20 | NHS Supply Chain                      | Mark Vallentine   |
| 10.25 | MHRA medical devices update           | Bayode Adisa      |

## Presentation:

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| 10.30 | Digital staff passports | Philip Graham |
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## Workstreams:

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| 11.00 | Closed Loop Medicines Administration | Judie Finesilver     |
| 11.05 | Sustainability                       | Neil Hind            |
| 11.10 | Asset management                     | Fadi El-Turk         |
| 11.15 | S4S business case                    | Dave Harris / GS1 UK |
| 11.20 | Loan kit / SSD workstream            | Juliette New         |
| 11.25 | Inventory Management System          | Jackie Pomroy        |

## Updates:

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| 11.30 | NHS Wales / NHS Scotland update                            | Juliette New / George Lawton |
| 11.35 | Regional adoption group activities (questions on pre-read) | Juliette New / George Lawton |
| 11.40 | HUG ways of working  | Ian Townend / Jo Goulding    |
| 11.50 | Any other business   | All                          |
| 11.55 | Next meeting date and close                                | Ian Townend                  |

## Minutes

### Item 1 Welcome, introductions and apologies

Ian Townend welcomed all, introductions made and apologies noted.

### Item 2 Competition policy

Jo Goulding drew the attention of the meeting to the [GS1 competition policy](#).

### Item 3 Action log

Action log reviewed (see below)



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Actions arising:

**Action** HUG029 IT to invite Carlos to next HUG meeting to speak to Staff ID strategy

**Action** HUG030 JG to update on adoption progress at next meeting

RP raised the recent thread "The future of Scan4Safety" on DHSC eXchange. The original post had been damning of S4S noting that it was 'dead'. IT to respond to thread.

**Action** HUG031 IT to respond to Scan4Safety thread on DHSC eXchange

**Item 4 NHS X Digital Clinical Safety Strategy Ian Townend**

IT gave an update on the NHSX Digital Clinical Safety Strategy

- [NHS X Digital Clinical Safety Strategy](#) - Published 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021
- Joint publication between NHSX, NHS Digital and NHS England and NHS Improvement. It is an addendum to the [NHS Patient Safety Strategy](#), outlining the case for improved digital clinical safety across health and social care.
- The aim of the strategy is twofold:
  - To improve the safety of digital technologies in health and care, now and in the future.
  - To identify, and promote the use of, digital technologies as solutions to patient safety challenges
- Directly references:
  - Medical Devices Safety Programme and
  - Scan4Safety (*...scanning technologies and programmes like Scan4Safety, that use barcodes to track data and devices, have reduced device and patient identification errors (Scan4Safety report, 2020)*)

Foreword from Natasha Philips, CNIO, NHSX. Kelsey Flott works for NP to be invited to next meeting.

**Action** HUG032 IT to invite Kelsey Flott to next meeting to give an overview/update on NHSX Digital Clinical Safety Strategy

**Item 5 NHS Supply Chain Mark Vallentine**

- MV introduced himself to the group. Works for Sara Ford, Director of Customer and Strategy, NHS Supply Chain (NHS Supply Chain representative on the GS1 Healthcare Advisory Board)
- NHS Supply Chain now report directly into NHS E/I (was SoS). New change therefore ways of working are still being explored.
- New Chief Exec – Andrew New. His remit is to look broadly at driving services, growth and realising savings.

Questions re. inventory management etc raised by AS, NH and RP. To be discussed outside of the meeting.

**Action** HUG033 MV to liaise with AS, NH and RP re. questions raised

**Item 6 MHRA medical devices update Bayode Adisa**

- Formal public consultation on future regulation in GB went live 16 September – [here](#)
- Consultation open for 10 weeks
- More than 200 responses to date
- Would like all to get involved with one person from each organisation to respond esp. Section 4 – UDI
- Once consultation closed moved to review period and looking to law into law in 2022 and early 2023  
MHRA hope to be able to agree a position and finalise secondary legislation
- New medical device regulatory framework in force by July 2023

**Item 7 Digital staff passports Philip Graham**

- PG gave an overview of the work done to date on digital staff passports
- Work accelerated during COVID but scope limited to COVID requirements. Ambition though is for all staff to have a digital passport.
- There is more to it than 'just the tech' though. To enable full staff movement (the panacea) require:
  - Data standards and interoperability
  - Trusted frameworks
  - Cultural and process change

- The Digital Staff Passports scheme is trying to put the user at the centre. Linking information key to the individual (e.g. DBS, qualifications, licence to practice, identity check, vaccination status etc), owned by the individual all in one place but it having multiples uses – not just NHS. e.g. using your NHS DBS check to also allow you to volunteer for the Scouts, no need to get another one.
- Key is the individual owns the passport, not the organisation

RP noted that to deliver/use this the NHS is beholden to third party system suppliers to design apps etc. How do trusts get this to happen?

PG – agreed. Not all suppliers can/will support this so a Central Framework is required. NHSX need to rise to the challenge.

**Action** HUG0029 As per action above – IT to invite Carlos to next HUG meeting to speak to Staff ID strategy.  
**Action** HUG0034 JG to circulate all slides and links from 21 October meeting.

## Item 8 Workstream Updates

### ❖ **Closed Loop Medicines Administration (CLMA)** **Judie Finesilver**

- Initial meeting 13 October 2021
  - Judie Finesilver, Jackie Pomroy, Trudy Brown, Richard Price, George Lawton, Jo Goulding, (Andrew Davies)
- Aim - produce something tangible, something useable based on real requirements
- Objective – to produce an implementation guide ('how to') to support the NHSX ePrescribing Toolkit
- Initial work:
  - Define the requirements for CLMA seen out in practice
  - Outline a patient journey view
  - Collate all work on closed loop to date. Who has done what? Who has solved closed loop?
- Next meeting – November

**Action** HUG0025 AS (BHTA) and LT (ABHI) to liaise with NH re. Sustainability workstream.

### ❖ **Sustainability** **Neil Hind**

There is a lot of work going on at the moment (see slides). Trusts must have a plan by Jan 2022. ICS plans by end March.

Noted that it would be worth linking this work to inventory management i.e. throw less away.

### ❖ **Asset Management** **Fadi El-Turk**

Update on asset management document.

#### **Progress:**

- Scoped out the objectives and content of the guidance document
- Agreed on the document structure
- Created the initial draft of the document

#### **Document structure:**

- Benefits of asset management using GS1 standards
- Best practice asset management process using GS1 standards
- Systems, data carrier technologies and GS1 Key governance to support the process
- Asset management implementation using GS1 Standards

#### **Next steps:**

- Review the initial draft of the document
- Create the final draft of the document
- HUG to sign off document for publication

### ❖ **S4S business case** **Dave Harris / GS1 UK**

- The document is with the GS1 team for final review and internal sign off.

- ❖ **Loan Kit / SSD workstream** **Juliette New**
  - JP has sent HCSA document. It is now with adoption group for review.
- ❖ **IMS** **Jackie Pomroy**
  - Document complete. Now undergoing final marketing approval.

## **Item 9 GS1 Adoption Updates**

- ❖ **NHS Wales** **Juliette New**
  - Scoping meetings to map out supply from Omnicell
  - Looking at development of IMS
  - National Oracle system for inventory management/P2P
  - 35,000 GTINs loaded into Oracle
- ❖ **NHS Scotland** **George Lawton/Lindsay Robertson**
  - GL gave a brief update on work from a GS1 perspective:
  - Three programmes within Scotland:
    - UDI
    - Inventory Management
    - Asset Reg
  - GS looking at engagement in all of these areas
  - Last few months have seen engagement with a broader range of stakeholders
  - LR – things are moving very quickly from a Scottish perspective.
  - Commissioned a S4S business case. Scottish Government have agreed to fund it for the first two years.
  - Programme Delivery Group are setting up groups to drive the fundamental activities.
  - Inventory Management has been rolled out to Orkney, Shetland and Lothian. Expected to be rolled out to 17 of the 22 Health Boards by 2022.
- ❖ **Northern Ireland** **George Lawton**
  - GS1 attended NICON, with the aim to engage more within NI/fact finding
  - One Trust so far has sent a wristband for DCB1077 verification (compliant)
- ❖ **Regional adoption group activities** **Juliette New / George Lawton**
  - Information supplied as pre-reads. No questions arising.
  - JG asked if the HUG found these useful/interesting – is it worth doing them?

Feedback was the reports are not standardised, they do not really give much information and as they are all separate it is difficult to get a full picture.

- Action** HUG0036 JG/GL/JN to bring suggested new report format to next meeting for discussion
- Action** HUG0037 JG to add regional adoption group reports to next meeting agenda for discussion

- Item 10 HUG ways of working** **Jo Goulding**
  - JG queried if HUG needed to change its way of working as now it is a true four UK nation group
  - BA noted that it would be useful to have an NHS Digital representative present on a regular basis
  - DH – England is obviously not as structure in its adoption approach as the other UK Nations. The S4S message is not coming from The Centre anymore in England, whereas Scotland, Wales and NI are all driving centrally.
  - RP – How do we push all the good work being done by HUG members, by the trusts. ‘How to’ guides etc. are great but who needs to use them, where is the central drive?
  - AS – S4S needs to be raised with the new NHS E/I Exec for NHS Supply Chain

- Action** HUG0038 MV to raise S4S with new E/I exec for NHS SC and feedback to next meeting (and bring AS and LT into discussions)
- Action** HUG0039 JG to add discussion topic re state of S4S in England to next meeting

- Item 11** **Any other business** **All**
- **GS1 UK Healthcare Conference 2022**  
Thursday 17 and Friday 18 March 2022  
QEII Centre, Westminster  
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- Item 12** **Next meeting date and close** **Ian Townend**
- Thursday 10 February 2022  
10am–12pm  
Teams Meeting