

WARRINGTON AND HALTON TEACHING HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST INTEGRATES THEIR EPR WITH THE NHS DIGITAL GP CONNECT PRODUCTS

18 January 2023 - Warrington & Halton Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust have successfully gone live with the integration of their EPR with NHS Digital's GP Connect products. Clinicians using Dedalus' EPR can now see key clinical information from GP systems in the hospital's EPR at the point of care.

Supporting the medicines reconciliation process, clinical teams at the Trust can now securely access GP medication and allergy records. Clinicians at the Trust can view and import a patient's current medication status. All staff with the relevant access involved in a patient's care now have additional information upon which to base ongoing treatment decisions.

GP Connect, part of the wider NHS Digital interoperability strategy, provides doctors, nurses, and pharmacy staff with access to key clinical information held within GP records such as current medications and allergy status. It allows authorised clinical staff to share and view GP practice clinical information and data between IT systems, quickly and efficiently. The service makes patient medical information available to all appropriate clinicians when and where they need it to support direct patient care, leading to improvements in both care and outcomes. The service provides more secure information transfer using Application Programming Interfaces (APIs), removing the need to use less secure methods such as email or fax.

Peter Abraham, Lead Pharmacist for EPMA, Homecare, Medicines Management and Ophthalmology at Warrington and Halton Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust said: "Integrating GP Connect with Dedalus' EPR has benefits for staff and patients, improving decisions and saving time. We can obtain and validate medication and allergy data from GP Connect for adding to a patient record in the EPR, in the knowledge that the data is consistent and secure."

Colin Henderson, Managing Director, UK, and Ireland, Dedalus, said: "The Trust is leading the way in the integration of GP Connect to their EPR. More integrated ways of working across health and care are reliant on the ability of IT systems to be interoperable to enable care professionals and patients to better manage care, Warrington and Halton are embracing this through GP Connect."

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About Dedalus

Dedalus Group is the leading healthcare and diagnostic software provider in Europe, supporting the digital transformation of 6300 hospitals and 5700 Laboratories worldwide, processing its solutions for more than 540 million of the population worldwide. Dedalus supports the whole continuum of care, offering open standards-based solutions serving each actor of the Healthcare Ecosystem to provide better care in a healthier planet.

In the UK and Ireland Dedalus has over 170 active clients across the NHS, the HSE in Ireland and numerous private providers. Its software solutions include Electronic Patient Records and Patient Administration Systems in Acute, Mental Health & Community Health hospitals, Laboratory Information Management Systems, enterprise scheduling, interoperability and data platforms and key specialist systems such as electronic prescribing.

About Warrington and Halton Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Warrington and Halton Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust comprises of three acute (secondary) care hospitals across two sites in the Boroughs of Warrington and Halton, which is part of the mid-Mersey health economy. Warrington Hospital is the home to emergency and complex surgical care, our 'hot' site, while Halton Hospital in Runcorn is a centre of excellence for planned routine surgery. The Captain Sir Tom Moore Building (CSTM) is home to orthopaedic surgery and breast care services based on the Halton site. Although each hospital focuses on particular aspects of care, outpatient clinics for all our specialties and diagnostic (scanning) services are provided at both Warrington and Halton sites so patients can access their appointments closer to home wherever possible. The Trust also provides some outpatient services in the local community.

About NHS Digital

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Read more about GP Connect at <https://digital.nhs.uk/services/gp-connect>

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