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Digi News

Learn more about our latest work
on **digital technology**...

COVID 19

We are currently working to scale up the use of video consultations
throughout the Trust.

This will allow clinics to carry out remote consultations with their
patients.

Email for more about video consultations

Making progress with

Pharmatrac



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In February we started to test a new bedside patient barcode scanning system called [Pharmatrac](#). This will positively identify patients and their medicine at the bedside and will support caregivers when they are completing drug administration. This is also known as 'closed loop drug administration'.

Using this new digital technology we aim to make giving medicine safe for every patient, every time. We also want to make it easy for caregivers to do the right thing, and impossible to do the wrong thing.

It is early days and a time consuming process. The test environment is a tricky one to work in. A nurse involved in the project commented this could be a "potential solution, but there is still a lot of work to be developed. I think we need to see the device working in real time."

Project managing a new digital system requires some back and forth and we work to get it right, before we roll it out across the Trust. UHSFT is one of the first in the UK to be doing this using Pharmatrac with JAC 2018.

Overall the feedback is good, it "looks quite simple to use. No additional log in required" and the potential positive impact seen for "patient safety, drug administration and medicines management."

Project manager [Alex Kimber](#) thanks the clinicians and staff at UHS who have

supported this project and is pleased with the progress, "I am grateful for all of the dedication and time given by clinicians and pharmacists to help make this happen. It is great to work with a team of people who have a clear vision to improve patient safety and our Trust systems."



Well done digiRounds which has been shortlisted for the HSJ Value Award 2020

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This time next year the Trust should have largely moved away from completing paper notes on our wards.

The Trust is a Global Digital Exemplar, [GDE](#) and recognised by the Department of Health and Social Care as one of the leading digitally advanced healthcare Trusts in the country.

2019 saw the introduction of the EDMS which saves a lot of money on the storage and retrieval of paper notes. However; scanning a million sheets of paper each month was never seen as a long term.

UHS Digital is working with joint CCIO's Mike Celinski, Ashwin Pinto, deputy CCIO Michael Kiuber and CNIO Sarah Bradburn to digitise all aspects of in-patient care, from consent, to admission and In-Patient assessments.

This presents challenges, but also opportunities for our Medical, Nursing and Therapy teams.

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