

## **Real Time (To) Care Programme Statement of Commitment**

Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust has been awarded a total of £1.35 million from NHS England following a successful bid to the Integrated Digital Care Fund.

The money will be used to deliver a paper-light, digitalised patient care system, to improve patient safety and quality of care. It will provide clinical staff with access to the information they need about a patient when they need it, in an easy to use way:

- Providing a single view of all the patient's information at the point of care
- Direct and fast data entry, updated in real time
- Presenting bed state and ward views, safer staffing levels and management information using digital screens.

The overarching aim is the implementation of point-of-care data entry through use of modern technology:

- Doctors will have devices that will allow them instant access to information to support and manage patients under their care
- Faster creation and issue of patient and GP letters
- The use of digital pens and forms will be expanded where this is most appropriate for data entry
- Electronic whiteboards will be introduced to provide instant access to real time information and improve patient flow
- The work already undertaken in the Emergency Department will be built upon. It has rapidly gone from a paper-heavy environment to paper-light.

The Real Time (To) Care Programme will run from February 2015 to the end of March 2016. It will involve leadership from our Medical Director and Chief Nurse, backed up by clinical champions and a team of IT and project staff.

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Further information about the Integrated Care Fund can be found on the NHS England website [www.england.nhs.uk/ourwork/tsd/sst/tech-fund](http://www.england.nhs.uk/ourwork/tsd/sst/tech-fund)