



## MEDIPASS SECURES MAJOR DEAL FOR TOTAL REPLACEMENT OF RADIOTHERAPY MACHINES AT LEEDS CANCER CENTRE

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Medipass Healthcare announced today that it has successfully secured the replacement of 8 linear accelerators in a deal with equipment manufacturer Elekta on behalf of the Leeds Teaching Hospitals Trust. As the Managed Equipment Services provider, Medipass has been working closely over the last year with equipment manufacturer Elekta and the Radiotherapy service, Trust contractual team, Medical Physics, Engie FM and Albany PLC, to strike a landmark equipment replacement deal for the Leeds Cancer Centre.

With this Medipass deal now closed, the Leeds Cancer Centre is set to retain its place at the forefront of cancer treatment. Thanks to this multi-million pound deal to renew its high-tech radiotherapy treatment equipment over the next four years, patients in Leeds and surrounding areas will be provided with the most advanced technology currently available in the UK.

As part of a 15 year MES contract, Medipass provided new state-of-the-art equipment to the Leeds Cancer Centre when it opened its doors in 2007 in what was then brand new Bexley Wing at St James's University Hospital in Leeds. This equipment has kept the Leeds centre at the forefront of cancer treatment delivery for the last eight years.

A substantial equipment replacement programme provided through the Medipass MES will now be put in place and will see equipment being replaced systematically over a four-year period allowing the Leeds Cancer Centre to take advantage of recent technological advances to further enhance patient care and research.

David Rolfe, CEO of Medipass Healthcare, said, "Placing this order is a real win-win, securing the latest technology for the Cancer Centre's patients, whilst placing one of the largest single orders for Elekta equipment in the UK. We are delighted to have worked so closely with all parties to make this happen".

Closing the deal required all parties to come together and work collaboratively on a very tight timescale, allowing work to phase in the new equipment to start in August 2016.

Hazel Rodger, Head of Radiotherapy with the Leeds Teaching Hospitals Trust, said; "This deal to renew all our equipment is the best possible news for patients across Yorkshire and beyond who use our specialist services. We are the only centre of our size across the UK that will be able to offer the latest available technology across our entire equipment base for the benefit of our patients.

"The eight new linear accelerators – radiotherapy treatment machines - are of the very latest type available anywhere and will allow for streamlined clinical workflow and process, which results in a better experience for the patients, with reduced treatment times and increased efficiency."



Dr Viv Cosgrove, Head of Radiotherapy Physics at Leeds Cancer Centre, added: “The new linear accelerators are also able to deliver improvements in treatment accuracy, for some patients. This means we can increase the radiation dose delivered in each visit, thereby reducing the total number of patient visits and improving clinical effectiveness.

“The replacement of the existing equipment also allows us to create a very advanced platform for increasing our research and innovation programmes, all of which directly benefit patients in the form of clinical trials and research initiatives.”



From Left: Hazel Rodger, Head of Radiotherapy for the Leeds Cancer Centre, Aylin Ercil, Technology Specialist for Medipass Healthcare, Chris Forrest, Radiotherapy Equipment Manager for the Leeds Cancer Centre, Paddy Greally, UK & Ireland BU Managing Director with Elekta Limited, Stewart MacDuff, Technical and Commercial Director for Medipass Healthcare, and Dr Viv Cosgrove, Head of Radiotherapy Physics at Leeds Cancer Centre.