



## Press Release

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### Medipass MES Flexibility Provides Leeds Trust with New SPECT/CT



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Medipass Healthcare, working together with the Leeds Cancer Centre at Leeds Teaching Hospitals Trust (LTHT), commissioned a new state of the art GE Discovery NM/CT 670 Gamma Camera. The Leeds Cancer Centre is one of the largest cancer centres in Europe. The Managed Equipment Service forms part of the Trust's wider contract with St James Oncology SPC.

LTHT was able to adjust its planned procurement cycle to exactly match its clinical strategy at no additional cost due to the flexibility of the Medipass MES contract. Medipass provided this equipment under a 15 year MES contract. This brings the current total of machines managed by Medipass in Leeds to a fleet of nearly 60 from various major manufacturers.

Medipass Healthcare is a market leader in Managed Equipment Services (MES) with specialist expertise in the areas of radiotherapy, diagnostic imaging and nuclear medicine. The Leeds service agreement is not tied to the equipment of any vendor during the

competitive bidding process, enabling LTHT clinicians to have the choice of equipment and flexibility of functionality during changing clinical needs.

**Fahmid Chowdhury, Consultant Radiologist and Clinical Lead for Nuclear Medicine at LTHT commented,** "Working in partnership with Medipass Healthcare, the commissioning and installation of the Discovery NM/CT 670 at the Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust is a hugely exciting development. This scanner makes state-of-the-art hybrid SPECT/CT available to our patients for the first time. It will not only improve diagnostic ability in many areas of nuclear medicine, such as oncological and musculoskeletal applications, but through the provision of the latest CT and SPECT technologies in tandem, has the ability to optimize radiation doses while also potentially streamlining imaging pathways for the benefit of our patients".

Medipass Chief Executive, David Rolfe, said, "Medipass provides flexibility so that equipment provided matches the clinical needs of the hospital – as evidenced by this recent Gamma Camera procurement within our Leeds MES project." He added, "The Medipass MES continues to facilitate cutting edge equipment for the Trust, even at a time of financial pressures across the NHS."

Medipass commercial lead Stewart MacDuff commented, "The patient experience at the Leeds Cancer Centre will be dramatically improved with the ability to combine Gamma Camera and diagnostic quality CT scans for hybrid imaging, reducing the time a patient spends in diagnostics. In addition, the GE Discovery will deliver significantly better CT dose management, with smaller quantities of radiopharmaceutical used."