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Medipass MES Imaging Department Goes Fully Digital



Fully digital GE radiology and imaging equipment

The Radiology and Imaging Department at one of Medipass Healthcare's MES sites has recently undergone a major upgrade to a fully digital department, in no small part due to the negotiation skills of the MES team and their influence with major vendors.

As part of a 25-year MES contract with the Belfast Health & Social Care Trust, a number of imaging equipment items were in line for replenishment. However, because Medipass works closely on a daily basis with both the diagnostic imaging users and the radiology equipment suppliers there, the MES company was able to negotiate a package deal with GE Healthcare to upgrade the department to a fully digital platform at no additional cost to the Trust.

David Rolfe, CEO of Medipass explained, "The project came about as a result of a major gamma camera upgrade, which allowed us to extend the useful life of that piece of equipment. This freed up some monies in the model and with a bit of creative thinking we were able to provide the Trust with the much-needed digital upgrade to its radiology and imaging department."

As part of this project, the current XRD Chest Unit has been replaced with a more modern unit incorporating improved technology. The Proteus general x-ray unit has become a digital unit with no reliance on the local CR system. The Trust is comfortable that this will lead to a higher patient throughput as the radiographer does not have to leave the room to process CR cassettes. An improvement in image quality is also expected.

An additional benefit that Medipass is bringing to the project is the potential for "recycling" the current CR equipment, which is no longer needed, to the Belfast City Hospital Tower Radiology department as the CR system there is quite old.

John Muolo, Director of Medipass, summed it up when he said:

"This proposal has significant benefits for the Diagnostic Imaging Services of the Trust by addressing a shortfall in planning provision and creating a fully digital Imaging Department. And best of all, it was all done at no additional cost to the Trust."