



## Press Release

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# Medipass Demonstrate MES Flexibility with New Gamma Camera Strategy at Leeds



*GE Infinia Hawkeye*

Medipass Healthcare recently released a tender document for the procurement of two dual modality SPECT/CT gamma cameras to replace two existing GE Infinia cameras with Hawkeye, which are currently in use as part of the Medipass MES at the Leeds Cancer Centre.

The tender is part of a long-range strategy conceived in partnership between Medipass Healthcare and the Leeds Teaching Hospitals Trust to bring the Nuclear Medicine Department in the Leeds Cancer Centre to the forefront of technology.

Stewart MacDuff, the MES Manager for Medipass in Leeds, noted how important this tender is to the clinical team at Leeds, saying, "Acquisition of a state-of-the-art SPECT/CT machine will bring the hybrid imaging technology in LTHT up to a level par with other comparable large nuclear medicine departments in the UK." He went on to add, "This would bring real benefits for the cancer patients at the Leeds Cancer Centre in a number of areas. For instance, in bone scanning for musculoskeletal and oncological indications, this will provide a 'one-stop' characterisation imaging for bone lesions that would otherwise require multiple investigations."

David Rolfe, Medipass CEO also said, "This will also improve the patient experience as a whole by providing rapid diagnostic CT acquisition within seconds as opposed to the current 10-15 minutes that are required on the current machines to obtain a non-diagnostic CT that only allows localisation and not characterisation of detected lesions."

The project is a result of a creative MES team and a flexible MES contract, which has allowed the Trust to revise its gamma camera fleet to meet its current needs, but at no additional cost. John Muolo, Medipass Director, explained, "The Leeds Cancer Centre originally opened with five cameras, but one of those was a single head camera that no longer served the needs of the Trust. Because we understand the flexibility required to remain state-of-the-art in today's changing technology environment, Medipass was able to remove the single head camera from the MES when it came time to replenish that piece of equipment. This allowed us to streamline our gamma camera fleet to 4-machines, but include a fully diagnostic hybrid SPECT/CT scanner, which would provide the Trust with the state-of-the-art Nuclear Medicine imaging facility it requires.

### **A Trust representative noted:**

"This strategy is essential for the future development of the clinical service and in order to maintain our position as the 'hospital of choice' for patients and referring clinicians alike."