How global standards support the healthcare industry

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What we do

- GS1 standards are the global language of business, allowing systems to be interoperable, we're a member owned, not-for-profit, global organisation

- At its simplest, it's a barcode

- GS1 standards provide the foundation for integrated patient care in the NHS by enabling the globally unique identification of every **person**, every **product** and every **place**

It all starts with a simple scan

NHS eProcurement strategy

In 2014, the Department of Health mandated the use of GS1 standards within the eProcurement strategy.
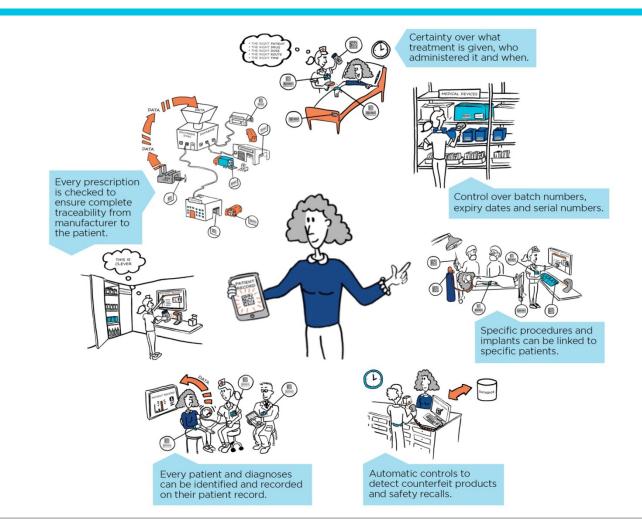
Every healthcare provider and every supplier of every product and service into the NHS **must comply with GS1 standards by 2020**.

NHS Provider and Supplier contracts will reflect this.

It all starts with the patient

www.scan4safety.nhs.uk

Report on productivity improvements

Specific reference to GS1 Standards

A typical hospital can save £3m every year by adopting GS1 standards

GS1 standards…

- support the £750m Procurement Transformation Programme
- deliver the structured data supporting electronic prescribing and medicines administration
- enable eRostering, patient level costing and Electronic Patient Records

Why GS1 Standards in Healthcare?

Pat Mills – Commercial Director, DoH

"There is a lot of money washing around in our health service that is just wasted. It could be going to our patients, could be going to frontline services, could be buying that new MRI scanner. And the GS1 standards programme is one way, and a very big way, of liberating some of that cash."

Lord Prior – Minister of Health, NHS Productivity

"The benefits that GS1 brings to procurement are obvious …

the benefits that GS1 brings to patient safety are also obvious

… the real impact we'll have from GS1 is around clinical productivity."

Prof Stephenson – Chair, General Medical Council

"There are many, many opportunities for technology to enhance patient safety and barcoding is one very good example.

Once the clinical community sees these benefits, we can be sure that they'll lead the way for the wider adoption of GS1 barcoding standards across all acute trusts in England."

The benefits for suppliers

NHS contracts will now state that suppliers must ensure that any goods or services that result in an invoice to Trusts are compliant with GS1 standards.

- A single depository of your data for the NHS
- Reduced ship-to and bill-to enquiries
- Fewer invoice queries and order disputes
- Reduced transaction costs
- Quicker released payments
- Increased accuracy of vigilance reporting
- Reduced wastage costs
- Greater supply chain visibility

GS1 standards can help the NHS save thousands of lives and millions of pounds

Find out more at www.gs1uk.org/healthcare

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