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Asset management in action

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Tracking Hospital Assets using GS1 Standards & RFID

GS1

RFiD DISCOVERY

e-Quip
Asset Management

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Why is RFID and GS1 important?

- Large trauma and teaching hospital serving the South West Peninsula
- Main building 12 floors with lots of corridors and rooms
- Other buildings and off-site locations
- Circa 100,000 Medical, SDU and IT assets
- Maintaining a schedule for asset service and repair
- Turnaround time to bring equipment back into use
- Replacing Medical equipment costs £100,000+ each year
- Clinical staff spend a lot of time looking for assets
- Issuing/Borrowing of assets that are not returned

Implementation

Already using GS1 GIAI standard for Medical and SDU assets, but implemented in isolation	Roll-out Trust-wide a new GS1 structure agreed with departmental prefixes
Started by re-labelling medical devices	400+ models' label placement optimised for scans
New process flow / security documents created	Opportunity taken to correct MDAR anomalies

Implementation

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Contract awarded to Paragon ID's RFID Discovery solution

122 readers across 2 phases, with approx. 360 antennae

2x mobile trolleys, 10x handheld scanners, 2x RFID printers

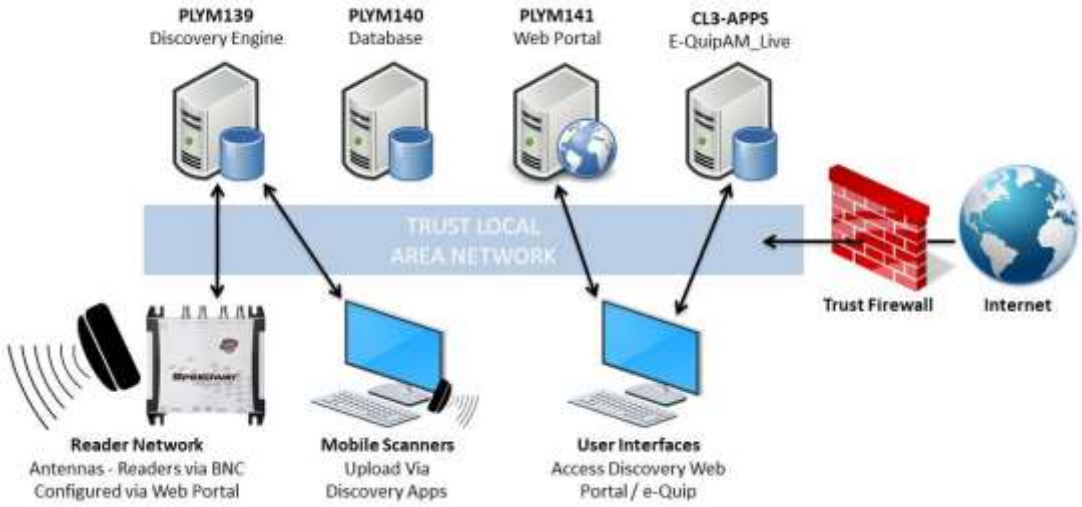
Live web portal & interfacing to asset management systems

Antennae's optimum locations mapped out

Digital location tree updated with corridor GLNs

Network elements installed, tested, interfaced

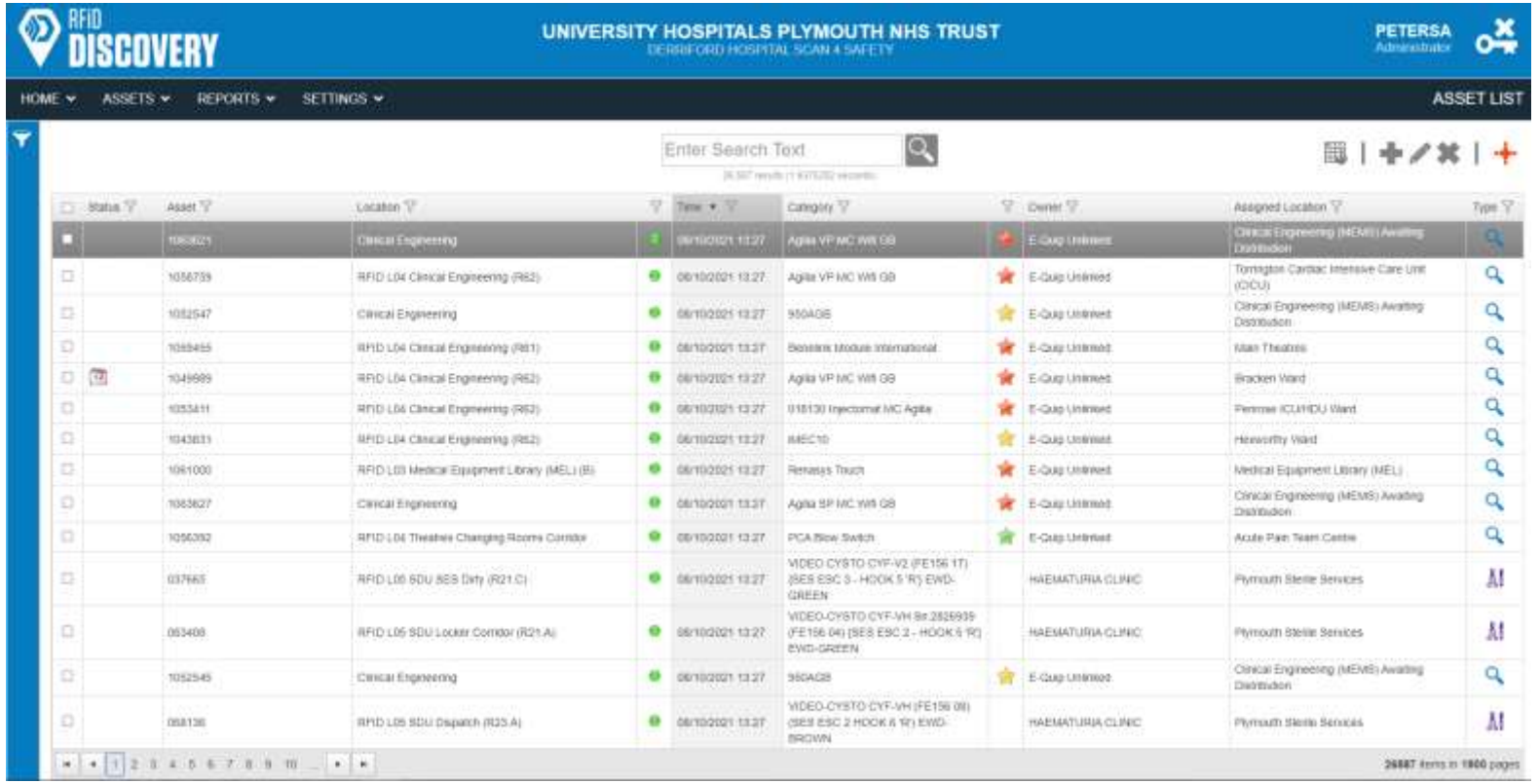
One of the largest GS1-compliant RFID solutions in the NHS



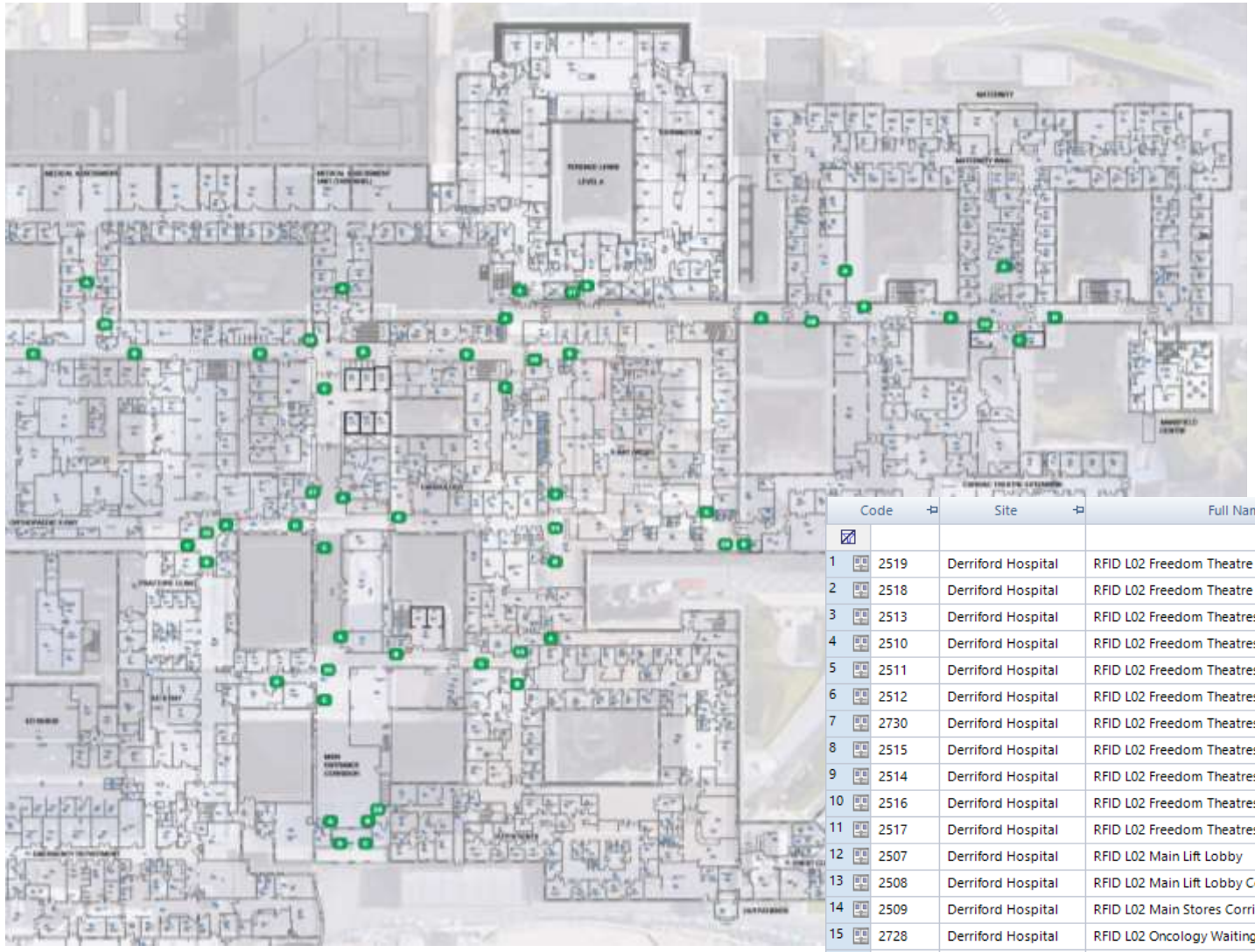
RFiD DISCOVERY

Progress

- Web portal is fully up and running
- Training materials created, clinical staff trials being carried out
- 25,000+ medical devices re-labelled; SDU and IT re-labelling underway
- 83/122 total readers installed, networked, and reading assets
- 3,500 assets tracked every day
- Phase 2 of reader / antennae installations near to completion



All progressed during COVID



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Operational Benefits

Clinical Staff

See live availability of models in the equipment library

Locate desired or lost devices from neighbouring wards

Reduces time searching for devices

Technical Staff / Trust-wide

Locate devices due maintenance, upholding device compliance and reliability/safety

Gain awareness of devices in demand, high turnover, frequently lost etc.

Automated tracking of expensive assets / those on loan to the trust

Operational Benefits

- **3,500** medical devices tracked every day (15% of medical equipment database)
- **£50k** spent on an external company to audit entire hospital, taking a couple of weeks to complete. RFID system allows the Trust to audit the same quantity of medical devices in a single day.
- **£70k** a year (
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- **£620k*** each
  equipment le
  hour
- In addition, ir
  lost assets ea
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- Trust-wide and external revalidation showed circa **£22m** assets on the Asset Management system have not been seen on the RFID system for 3+ years**.
- By ensuring scalability in our infrastructure, benefits can expand to other departments and assets, not just medical devices.
- The Trust has entered the 'best global healthcare award' nomination for the implementation of RFID asset management

Releasing time to care and increasing patient safety…..

Patient stay costs est. £400 per 24 hours = £17 per hour per patient. On average there are 100 discharges a day (£17 per hour x 100 patients x 365 days)

** a full-time role has been agreed to investigate*

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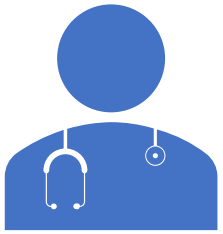
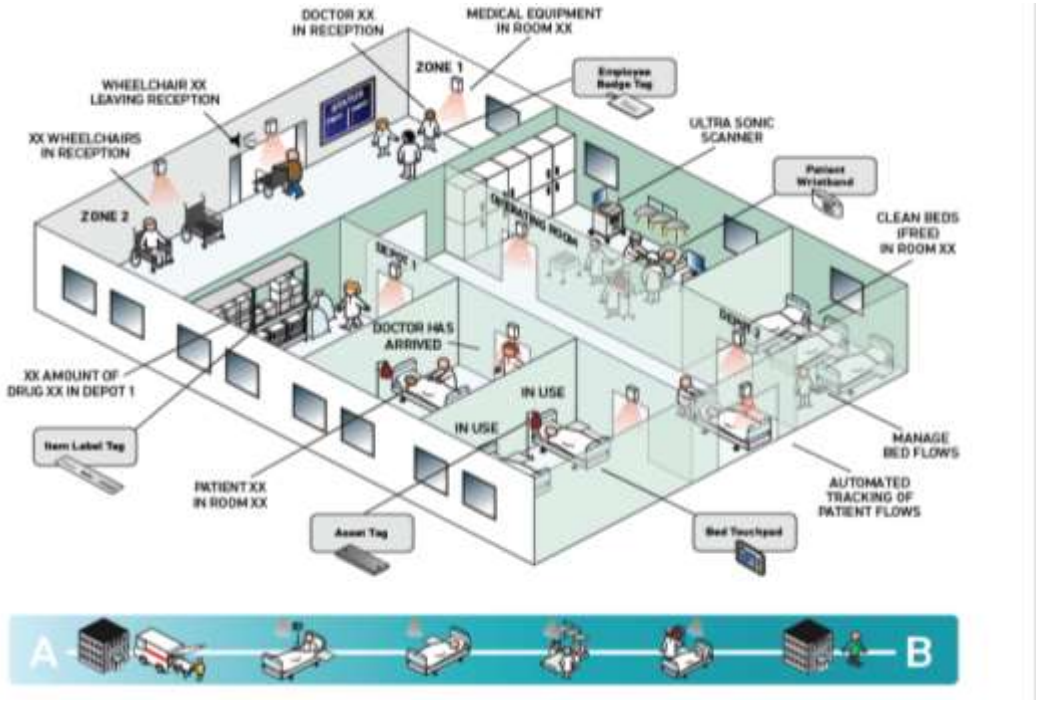


‘This is definitely a really useful tool – we use it to track wheelchairs as many get abandoned around the site and are then not available for use at entrances’.

Technical Staff / Trust-wide

‘The system has been hugely beneficial for us by tracking devices as they come and go, enabling us to see whether they are actively in use. Even more crucially we can now see at a glance what is in stock, saving clinical staff a wasted trip to the MEL.’

Our Future Roadmap



- Infrastructure in place for more services/uses:
  e.g. Estates, Stores, Patients, Staff
- RFID Readers included in expansion/refurbishment costs
- Views to expand to external buildings, then external sites
- Live maps on web portal to aid visual guidance
- Potential to enable other projects e.g. visitor guidance apps, automated patient check-ins, etc.