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To: **ABHI, BAREMA, SDMA, AXREM**

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Dear all

We are writing to inform you about work which is on-going across the UK on pioneering programmes to improve patient safety.

The **Scan for Safety** programmes being implemented across the nations of the UK each have the fundamental aim of improving patient safety through better traceability of medical devices and equipment using global standards such as GS1.

A key focus for the programme is enabling the capture of standardised data relating to **Patient, Product, Place, Procedure, Staff** and **Equipment** through point of care scanning and digital data capture.

Each element will be given a unique identifier and simple technology, such as barcode scanning, will be used to capture this data. This will be underpinned by proven and open global standards that are used widely in healthcare.

Northern Ireland is looking to implement point of care scanning via its transformational Encompass programme using global standards.

This essential programme will deliver a range of benefits for patients, clinicians, as well as delivering supply chain efficiencies, across a number of key areas. These include:

- **Improving Patient Safety** with medical devices captured electronically and traced from point of manufacture, through the supply chain to the patient. This will reduce risk through fewer adverse incidents and enabling potentially affected patients to be contacted quicker and more accurately in the event of product recalls.
- **Enhancing Patient Care** through facilitating improved patient outcomes due to better data and releasing clinical time for patient care.
- **Enhancing Supply Chain Efficiency** with accurate orders for the right product with the right unit of measure at the right price, reducing resource intensive administrative queries.
- **Advancing Clinical Productivity** with greater visibility of the different inputs required for patient care including supplies and equipment which support the measurement and better allocation of resources, costs and clinical productivity across the NHS.

We would welcome your feedback and are happy to provide updates and join you at meetings with your members if this would be helpful.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New year and we look forward to working with you in 2023.



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