

Gloucestershire Procurement Shared Service

The Gloucestershire NHS Procurement Shared Service is a department, hosted by the Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, which was set up to provide procurement services to three organisations – Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, 2gether NHS Foundation Trust and Gloucestershire Care Service NHS Trust. We provide advice and guidance, contract and supply chain services.



The challenge

We faced a number of issues. We needed to comply with the Department of Health mandate and provide a unified catalogue across all three Trusts, but we wanted to minimise catalogue maintenance. It was also important to increase our purchasing efficiencies and ensure all spend was appropriately controlled. There had to be increasing compliance against preferred supplier contracts. Finally, we also wanted to make sure all product and pricing data was up-to-date and accurate.

The solution

Over 2,500 of our users now have access to the eCatalogue, which contains authorised contracted products and pricing across all key suppliers. Seamlessly integrated with the two finance systems in operation across our three Gloucestershire NHS Trusts, the intuitive interface makes ordering of clinical supplies and routine commodities a straightforward process.

We are working in partnership with Advanced to increase the number of suppliers benefitting from traceable electronic transmission of fully validated purchase orders. The system has been rapidly assimilated within our Trusts, and eMarketplace usage continues to increase month-on-month.

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The benefits

By transferring to an externally managed catalogue, our Procurement Service can now refocus staff time onto value creating activities.

Almost a year after system implementation, over 32,000 orders have been raised via the eMarketplace, generating efficiencies in procurement worth an estimated £460,000.

Lee Robertson, our Senior Procurement Manager, comments: *"The managed service will minimise our internal efforts and deliver clean and reliable data. Suppliers will also benefit from improved accuracy on purchase orders transacted electronically through an integrated system. Introducing the eMarketplace has improved procurement efficiencies and reduced transactional costs when compared to traditional purchasing routes. The output is clean, validated and auditable PO data that suppliers can rely on."*

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