

Digital transformation at MTW moving at pace

During the last 12 months, MTW has made huge strides in delivering 'digitally seamless enhanced patient care'. 2021 has seen a phenomenal number of programmes implemented by our Digital Team. The most significant development has been the implementation of electronic patient records (EPR) at the Trust.

The introduction of the Trust's new Sunrise EPR in June 2021 was a significant milestone for the organisation. By the end of September 2021, all our clinicians were able to use the EPR to make referrals, and order tests including imaging, electronically, as well as see the results within the system.

Sunrise EPR allows staff to record patient observations and make clinical notes, significantly reducing the amount of paper at the end of our patients' beds. Our clinical teams can also use it as a portal to other applications giving them access to the right information, in the right place, when they need it.

Daily, we now see approximately 10,400 patient documents created, 5,400 requests for scans, blood tests, and referrals, and 15,000 results come through to doctors per day.

Paving the way for increased digital working to become a paper-lite organisation, the Trust had made significant investments to improve speed and security of the systems used by our staff. During 2021 over 4,000 new computers and 1,800 laptops were delivered to staff. Alongside this, the team deployed new mobile devices, computers on wheels for wards and printers, as well as upgrading servers and network capability.

Jane Saunders, Programme Director for EPR (Sunrise) and Digital Transformation at MTW commented: "The team continues to maximise the potential of existing systems in use across the Trust whilst our EPR embeds itself within the organisation.

As we move into 2022, the work of the MTW Digital team to deliver the Trust's digital strategy continues."

Recognition from national awards

The phenomenal amount of work undertaken by our digital teams has also seen them recognised as finalists in the Health Tech Newspaper (HTN) Now awards. The teams are finalists in the Health Tech Team of the Year category in the HTN Now awards.

HTN Now Awards share and celebrate innovations, teams and health tech suppliers that have made a difference throughout the year. The MTW teams submitted a shared entry for the work undertaken over the last year which included the implementation of a Trust-wide Electronic Patient Record (EPR) system, a digital bed management system, as well as infrastructure work to improve security and speed of our IT.

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