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Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre patients to benefit from New state-of-the-art Electronic Patient Records System

A new state-of-the-art electronic patient records system will transform how healthcare is delivered for hospital patients across the Fylde coast.

The Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust is to introduce a new electronic system to further improve the safety and quality of the care it provides.

The project, which has been called Vision, will see a major change to the way healthcare staff deal with patients by using electronic systems to support better, safer care for people who go into hospital.

Research has shown that electronic patient records enhance patient safety and lead to more timely treatment by shortening the waiting time for test results and reducing the chance of medication errors. They also make it easier for patients to schedule and register for appointments and treatments and to have access to their medical records.

Aidan Kehoe, the Trust's Chief Executive, said: "The Vision project will take patient care to a whole new level. It will benefit our patients by making comprehensive information, such as test results, medication orders and progress notes, easily and immediately accessible to the doctors and nurses who are caring for them at all stages of treatment from a minor problem to an emergency incident.

"Most staff will already use a computer system as part of the provision of care in their daily routine but with Vision this will be expanded to include a number of procedures such as ordering prescriptions, care pathways and clinical documentation.

The Vision project will focus initially on the Accident and Emergency Department and gradually roll-out across all departments within the Trust over the next two years.

The system will be provided by Alert Life Sciences.

Cesar Guimaraes, Chief Operating Officer and member of the Board of Directors of Alert said: "The implementation of a state of the art electronic health record in the Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust will be a landmark in the advancement of medical care that will be appreciated in the UK, Europe and worldwide.

"We are committed to improving health in the region and are honoured with the opportunity to work with the Trust's team to serve the local community."

Project lead Phil Graham, Head of IM & T with the Trust, said: "Vision is a vital investment for the Trust in meeting our wider vision of being the 'Best in NHS', being the first choice for the residents of the Fylde Coast and beyond, being a value for money provider and a great place to work."

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Caption: Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Chief Executive, Aidan Kehoe.