

IGspectrum and Quicksilva Partership Streamlines Patient Record Sharing



Quicksilva, supplier of IT healthcare systems has partnered with IGspectrum to enable hospitals across London boroughs to assure good information governance around sharing of information on vulnerable patients.

The partnership has been devised as part of a scheme to help the NHS communicate and collaborate better with Social Care Service departments, in order to enhance protection of vulnerable adults by sharing accurate patient information securely and efficiently.

This partnership uses IGspectrum technology to automatically populate patient data into fields on admission and discharge forms; these forms are then automatically sent in the correct format to the relevant social care department via conneQt®, an integration solution provided by Quicksilva. This streamlines the admittance and discharge process, and ensures that patient records are updated in real time, seamlessly and securely.

By law the social care department must be alerted to the admittance and discharge of vulnerable adults from hospital, so aftercare can be assessed and provided quickly. The service provided by Quicksilva and IGspectrum enables NHS staff at Whipps Cross University Hospital and Royal Free London Hospital to fulfill this requirement.

This partnership is also helping the hospitals meet the latest Government initiatives to create a digital NHS by 2018, by allowing nursing staff to easily create these electronic notices. The automatic population of the form's fields ensures that the patient is correctly identified by their NHS number, avoiding costly mistakes, which can have a financial penalty for the Hospital Trust if not completed correctly. It also speeds up the patient admittance and discharge process and reduces other errors, which can occur with paper based systems.

Stephen Rapicano, managing director of IGspectrum, comments; "Through working with Quicksilva we are able to provide a streamlined process that allows hospitals to notify social care departments of relevant admissions and discharges. They are able to access the relevant information they need to automatically create and share digital discharge notices. It is simply about providing a better patient service for vulnerable adults in London hospitals."

Gayna Hart, managing director of Quicksilva, said: "This partnership is all about helping health providers meet the Government initiative to 'go digital by 2018'. Our focus is on improving patient care, through better sharing of information. To do this the services need to be integrated, the processes designed and automated in a way that ensures accurate and timely availability of patient records. It is a step towards joined-up NHS and Social Care services."

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