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HEPMA Live!!

Celebrating the Success of the HEPMA & PSC Go Live Across the North of Scotland's Six Health Boards



Congratulations to all the teams who have contributed to the early adoption of Hospital Electronic Prescribing and Medicines Administration (HEPMA) and Pharmacy Stock Control (PSC)

Each Board brought its unique strengths and perspectives to deliver a programme of work not achieved on this scale before. Experts including Doctors, nurses, pharmacists, IT specialists, Project Managers, information governance, IT security, finance and administrators all actively participated to deliver a system that has increased efficiency, improved patient safety, and, importantly, it has laid a solid foundation for future advancements.

The partnerships forged, and the experience gained has set a precedent for future collaborations.

The NoS HEPMA & PSC journey is not just a regional success story; it is a demonstration of what is possible when we commit to improving patient care and work in unison across six regional Health Boards towards achieving joint success through collaboration. This is a landmark achievement of which every team member and every participant, should be immensely proud.

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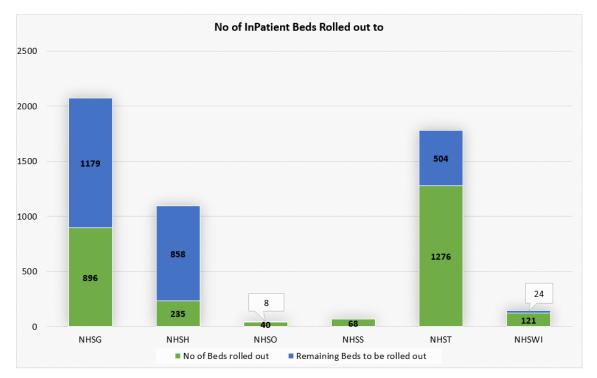




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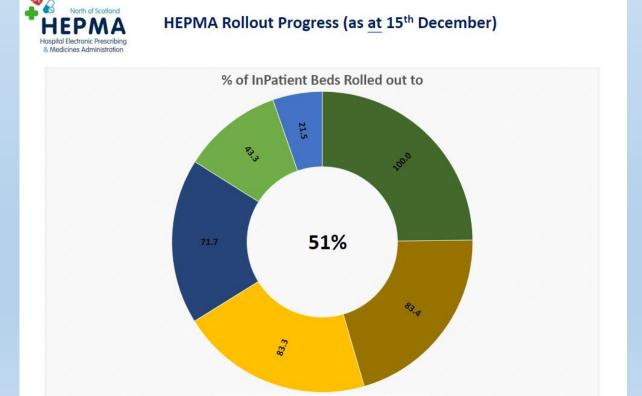


HEPMA Rollout Progress (as at 15th December)









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NHS Western Isles Go Live



WI GoLive - Pharmacy team

Left to right: Student pharmacist Jean Marc Mbick-Inches,; locum pharmacist Uzma Ali; pharmacy technician, Fiona Baird; pharmacist, Kellie Robinson; pharmacy assistant, Emma Lawrie; senior pharmacy technician, Jacqueline Daly; locum pharmacy technician, Kier Lavin-Jones; pre registration trainee pharmacy technician, Rebekah Skelly; chief pharmacist, Sue Price; locum pharmacy technician, Karen Moore; and pre-registration trainee pharmacy technician Craig Cameron.

Western Isles went live with PSC & HEPMA go live in early November 2023

NoS HEPMA Lead Pharmacist, Louise McKee and Senior Programme Manager, Heather Binns, were on site to support go live and acknowledged all the hard work and dedication from the local teams who worked tirelessly to achieve a 'big bang' deployment of PSC and HEPMA over a matter of days.

Well done and thank you to everyone that has been involved.



Western Isles nursing staff: Joanna MacNeil, Student Nurse; Laura Stewart and Staff Nurse; Ann Mackenzie







New member of the Regional NoS HEPMA Team







We would like to welcome our newly appointed Application Specialist to the team. Bruce Smith will be responsible for a challenging technical IT role working alongside our System Specialist, Josh Heery to maintain, support and develop the North of Scotland PSC/HEPMA system and its Infrastructure. Bruce is employed by NHS Grampian, but will work remotely from Orkney.

Bruce Smith – NoS HEPMA App Specialist

At the age of 18 I left school and joined the British Army. I worked my way through the ranks, completing 22 years colours service as a Warrant Officer in Communication Information Systems in the Royal Artillery. Following on from this I travelled to Australia where I spent a further 4 years in the Australian Defence Force. On my return to Scotland following my wife for her job, took us to the beautiful, yet remote island of Orkney.

Initially, on arrival to the island I will admit my next steps were not immediately clear to me. I was given the opportunity to help the IT department in NHS Orkney during the initial phases of the Covid pandemic and it became clear that this role fitted well with my skillsets obtained throughout my time in the military and therein started my career in NHS Scotland, in April 2020, working as a Senior Desktop Analyst. I integrated well into the small IT desktop team in NHS Orkney and have worked hard over the last 3 years to upskill myself in the role.

Living on a small farm in Orkney, overlooking a white sandy beach with my wife, dog, cat and ever increasing number of chooks, I am kept busy with the never-ending lawn mowing and house renovations. I enjoy the outdoors and catching up with friends for a good cup of coffee and some brunch.

I am delighted to join the North of Scotland Regional HEPMA Team as the Application Specialist, taking the next exciting step in my career within NHS Scotland.



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