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New Patient Management System on Trak

NHS Borders has signed up to a new electronic patient management system 'Trak' which has been selected for NHS Scotland.

The new system's main function will be to improve clinical and administrative management of information about patients attending hospital from referral or unscheduled admission through their inpatient and outpatient care and eventual discharge. It will store a full patient record which will then be available electronically to healthcare staff in the Borders General Hospital and community hospitals in the Borders.

Dr Ross Cameron, Medical Director, who is chairing the project board for implementing the programme in NHS Borders said, "Trak will bring us up to date. It uses newer technology than our current system, making it quicker and easier to use and will help us to do away with many of our paper based manual processes."

"Trak will also help improve patient care and safety by providing quicker ordering of tests and viewing of test results. It will give clinical staff easier and quicker access to the patient's full record and allow the information to be shared across staff from different departments and with GPs, which will improve communication."

"Patients will appreciate the difference too. Trak will help reduce the number of times a people will have to repeat basic information about themselves and their medical history because healthcare staff will be able to access all the information on-line."

"They will also be given more choice as to when and where they receive treatment and the system will be able to co-ordinate appointments better. This will mean that most patients will be able to arrange appointments to see different healthcare professionals on the same day."

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Notes to Editors:

1. The PMS project has been a joint project supported by NHS Scotland.
2. The procurement project has been undertaken by a consortium which includes NHS Borders, NHS Grampian, NHS Lanarkshire, NHS Ayrshire & Arran and NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde.
3. The procurement of the system has been the result of 18 months work by the consortium.

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