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a user newsletter from Hicom Technology



Welcome to the first issue of **Diamond News**; a newsletter for the users of Hicom's Diabetes Management system.

Our newsletters will keep you informed of all the latest product developments and innovations as well as any relevant stories on a regular basis, and we would be delighted to receive any feedback from our readers.

If you would like to find out more please visit our website at www.hicom.co.uk or email us at diamond@hicom.co.uk

Diamond Crosses National Borders

Craigavon and Louth hospitals adopt Diamond in the first implementation of a diabetes system with capacity to function across national borders.

Craigavon Area Hospital in Northern Ireland (NI) and Louth County Hospital in the Republic of Ireland (ROI) commissioned Hicom Technology's Diabetes Management system, Diamond, which was implemented in early 2005.

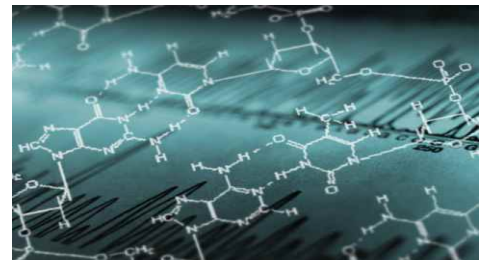
Supported by the regional Co-operation and Working Together (CAWT) group this exciting initiative seeks to enhance the quality of local health service for people on both sides of the border through active collaboration.

This innovative development marks the first time that the Diamond clinical information system has been configured to support cross border operation (data exchange for audit and research/patient transfer). There are currently 15 Diamond sites in N.Ireland and 4 in the ROI.

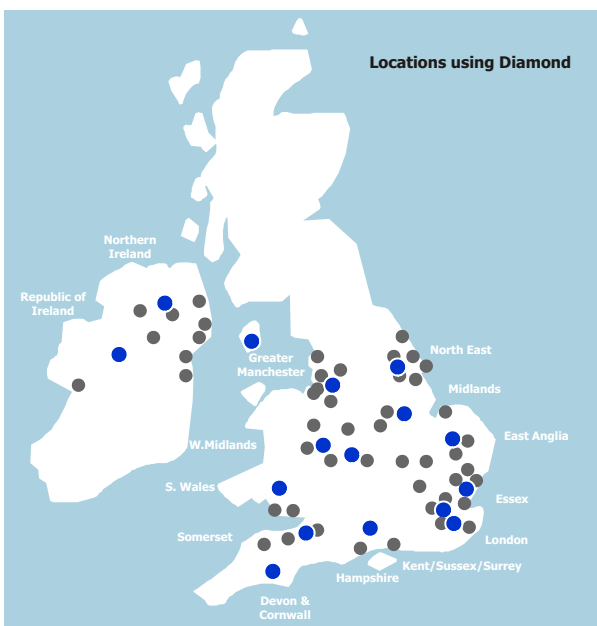
Pennine Acute NHS opts for Diamond

The Pennine Acute NHS Trust have chosen Diamond as their preferred solution to support diabetes services within the Trust.

The single implementation of Diamond integrates the services offered across the four hospital sites of North Manchester General, Royal Oldham Hospital, Bury and Rochdale. Diamond is fully integrated with the existing Pathology and Patient Administration Systems and provides a single point of reference for the management of patients with diabetes wherever they are seen in the Trust.



The Diamond Community Grows



Diamond is the market-leading comprehensive Diabetes Management Solution & the preferred choice of more than 50 healthcare organisations.

Supported by specialist consultancy, training and project management, Diamond provides a highly effective and useable EPR for Diabetes Care Management.

Connecting for Health

Hicom Technology supports the aims and objectives of the National Programme for IT (NPfIT) and 'NHS Connecting for Health' (NHS CfT) programme, and is actively engaged in systems integration with LSPs in order to ensure that Diamond will continue to be available to clinicians as implementation of the national programme is rolled out.

Please contact us if you have any questions or require further information regarding Diamond and the NPfIT/NHS CfT.



North & West Belfast: Community Trust Implementation

North and West Belfast HSS Trust provide a range of community based services to 150,000 people.

The trust has purchased Diamond to support the work of the community based diabetes services, which seeks to treat and support patients with diabetes outside of the traditional hospital setting. Diamond will provide a comprehensive clinical and administrative management facility to the Community Diabetes Team.

Initially operating on a stand alone basis the Diamond implementation has been configured to facilitate future integration with other Trusts providing diabetes services in the province.

This is the first installation of Diamond specifically designed to support the work of a dedicated community based service and demonstrates again how the clinical information systems can be configured to meet the needs of clinicians and patients working in all care environments.

Diamond Updates

Diamond now comprises 15 modules, which can be used in addition to the core system to provide a fully scalable Clinical Information System, ranging from a basic patient registry to a fully integrated comprehensive strategic solution for the management of diabetes care.

The additional modules include:

- Specialty specific episodes
- Home visit templates
- Integration engine
- NSF reporting
- Patient education
- Flexible audit module
- Digital image recording
- NCASP Audit
- ICD 10 coding engine
- Home monitoring
- Remote access via laptops
- Drug lists
- Links to hand-held devices
- CV Risk Calculator
- Internet/Intranet interfaces

NCASP (National Clinical Audit Support Programme) - Diabetes.

The Diamond NCASP Audit module provides direct & automated export of data to NCASP in the prescribed format.

This powerful functionality allows clinical teams in trusts to easily fulfill reporting obligations under the audit programme and negates the need for costly support from clinical audit and IT departments.

Diamond can be supplied with one or more modules and can be easily and seamlessly expanded to include additional modules developed to your specific requirements.

Please contact us for more information, or if you would like a demonstration of the new opportunities to upgrade your current version of Diamond.



Exhibitions

EASD - Athens (September 2005)

Hicom will be exhibiting at the prestigious 41st annual meeting of the European Association for the Study of Diabetes (EASD), from 10-15 September, held in Athens, Greece at the Peace & Friendship Stadium in Hellas.

The event has been designed to provide an innovative and comprehensive overview of the latest research developments, with selected speakers from amongst some of the worlds leading experts. Hicom will be at Stand 4 in exhibition area C.

If you would like further information on this event please visit: www.easd2005athens.gr

Transforming Government - Belfast (October 2005)

Hicom have been invited to exhibit at the Transforming Government Conference at the Waterfront Hall in Belfast, on Tuesday 4 October.

The conference is being billed as the most influential review ever undertaken in Northern Ireland and will encompass all areas of government activity including ICT and Health.

The innovative cross border implementation of Diamond by the regional Co-operation and Working Together (CAWT) group, will be profiled in Seminar 3: Modernising Health Through ICT.

If you would like further information on this event, please visit: <http://govnet.co.uk/nireland/>

Feedback?

We hope you found the newsletter of interest.

If you have any comments on the newsletter or would like to suggest a topic for inclusion in the next newsletter, please contact Hicom on:

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