NHSScotland goes live with phase one of financial shared services

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Seven Tayside health boards are now live on Advanced's shared finance system

NHSScotland today announces that phase one of its financial systems shared services project has been a success, going live on time and to budget.

The phase one go-live, which took place on 1 April 2012, involves seven health boards - NHS Tayside, NHS Forth Valley, NHS Highland, NHS Fife, NHS Borders, NHS Western Isles and Scottish Ambulance Service. These boards are now live on a single, multi-company Advanced Business Solutions (Advanced) financial management system with integrated document management (http://www.advancedcomputersoftware.com/abs/document-management-software.php) (Version One) and business intelligence (http://www.advancedcomputersoftware.com/abs/business-intelligence-software.php) (SAP BusinessObjects). The Boards have also rolled out eProcurement.

Phase two of the project will bring a further seven health boards onboard with a planned go-live of 1 October 2012. The final phase involves bringing on the final eight health boards including two of the largest healthcare authorities in the UK by 1 April 2013, completing the migration of all 22 Scottish NHS bodies to Advanced's shared financial management system.

The first wave of seven health boards is now using a common chart of accounts and is operating common pre-agreed 'national standard' business processes to deliver a shared services model in line with the Scottish Government's efficiency agenda.

NHSScotland is anticipating a range of benefits from the full roll-out of the single instance including automated, streamlined processes and reduced costs from having to pay for the maintenance and support of just one finance system.

John Francis, Programme Director from the Shared Support Services Programme says, "The shared use of Advanced's finance system (http://www.advancedcomputersoftware.com/abs/business-accounting-software.php) is enabling the roll-out of standard nationally-approved financial processes. With everyone operating on the same system and within the same framework, this should provide the foundation for significant cost and efficiency savings."

Francis adds, "Having a single system will also facilitate better integration with other systems and greatly enhance business information."

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Notes to editor:

About NHSScotland

The Scottish Government Health and Community Care is responsible for NHSScotland and for the development and implementation of health and community care policy. NHSScotland is accountable for the performance of the service. NHSScotland comprises 14 territorial NHS Boards responsible for the planning and delivery of all health services in their own area. In addition, there are 8 Special Health Boards in Scotland.

These are:

The Scottish Ambulance Service

NHS 24 - provides 24 hour telephone access to medical advice from clinical professionals

The State Hospital - cares for patients requiring treatment under special security conditions

NHS Health Scotland - promotes positive attitudes to health and encourages healthy lifestyles

NHS Quality Improvement Scotland - sets and monitors clinical standards

NHS Education Scotland - provides educational solutions for workforce development through designing, commissioning, quality assuring and where appropriate providing education for NHSScotland staff

National Waiting Times Centre Board (The Golden Jubilee National Hospital) - provides a dedicated elective facility in key specialties for patients throughout Scotland to assist in reducing waiting times

NHS National Services Scotland - provides a range of support services ensuring frontline patient care is delivered effectively across Scotland

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