

# SynApps Solutions and Alfresco Launch Open Source VNA Medical Content Platform

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Content management leader SynApps Solutions and its key technology partner Alfresco today unveil ground-breaking Open Source NHS IT solution

M Maidenhead, UK, 26 March, 2015 – Content management leader SynApps Solutions (<http://www.synapps-solutions.com>) and key technology partner Alfresco (<http://www.alfresco.com>) are today launching the Open Source VNA (Vendor Neutral Archive) medical data system for the UK health market – based on Alfresco’s award-winning technology and functionality from integration leader J4Care, delivered and supported via SynApps’ extensive professional skills and resources.

VNA (Vendor Neutral Archive) platform is a strongly-emerging standards-based way of extending PACS (Picture Archiving and Communications System) services to manage DICOM and other format content so as to make the sharing of medical and patient information as easy, secure and safe as possible.

The additional benefit of using Open Source resources means Trusts looking to evolve their own local, workable health IT (HIT) solutions can take full ownership of the code and develop it to meet their specific institutional requirements as well as facilitate the sharing of NHS Apps built on the platform.

“We are delighted to be offering certified technology we know works in the NHS via the highly promising route of Open Source,” said SynApps Solutions Sales & Marketing Director, Mark Winstone.

Commenting on the move, Jean van Vuuren, Head of Healthcare UK & Ireland at Alfresco, added, “SynApps is a long-standing partner and a genuine innovator in the area of VNA.

“We are really excited about Alfresco and SynApps coming together with a medical solution that is Open Source at a time when the NHS is really starting to be open to the possibilities that entails.”

All three partners stress their conviction that NHS Trusts can enjoy a wide range of post National Programme for IT benefits via VNA in the field of data management, while Open Source is establishing itself as the way CCIOs can achieve local autonomy and innovation, now the days of big contracts are drawing to a close.

“We believe there is a great synergy between the open standards in a VNA and the Open Source approach offered by Alfresco and believe it has a enormous potential,” confirmed Winstone.

NHS health leaders, CCIOs (Chief Clinical Information Officers) and other HIT (Health IT) stakeholders are invited to hear more at a special launch event (<http://www.alfresco.com/events/open-source-vna-launch>) being held today, March 26 (1.30 – 4.30 pm), at the Park Plaza Hotel, Leeds, LS1 5NS.

At today’s event, delegates can hear more about an Open Source VNA-based route to clinical content management, with the day focusing on an exploration of the new product, plus presentations from NHS

England's Open Source Programme internal champion, Peter Coates, as well as a pioneering user of the VNA approach – Rachel Dunscombe, CIO, Bolton NHS Foundation Trust.

NHS England's Peter Coates and Rachel Dunscombe, CIO, Bolton NHS Foundation Trust, are available for interview on why VNAs are swiftly emerging as the best way for NHS bodies to store and easily access clinical information, as well as why Open Source is the best route out of the Programme for both PACS but a range of other applications – please contact Sarum PR to arrange.

#### About SynApps

SynApps is an independent services and solutions company specialising in Enterprise Content Management (ECM) technologies. Founded in 2003 by former Documentum services professionals, the company provides consultancy, implementation and support services for EMC Documentum, and has authored a suite of content integration solutions, ConXApps, that allow businesses to quickly maximise their investment in ECM technologies. Organisations across healthcare, government and commercial markets rely on SynApps solutions and services to capture and share knowledge more dynamically and efficiently.

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