

TAAP NHS Software Solution features in Panasonic Toughest Jobs campaign

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Borehamwood, UK – July 22nd, 2015 Panasonic released its hard hitting 'Toughest Jobs' campaign recently, using a number of videos including one showing TAAP's software application for medical deliveries, used by Hertfordshire Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust.

View campaign: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WMufJAV3FEw&feature=youtu.be>

The campaign centres around the Panasonic Toughpad FZ-E1 which is a tablet device resistant to drops of up to 3m on concrete, fully sealed against dust, and submersible in up to 1.5 metres of water for up to 30 minutes. It can also operate in temperatures ranging from -20°C to 60°C thanks to a built-in heater.

Used by Herts NHS Trust's 50 drivers, the software from TAAP is critical to its everyday operations which ensure patients are collected and dropped off, and medical items are delivered.

The software application combined with the Panasonic device has provided Herts NHS Trust with a solution to the problem of sending and receiving real-time delivery & collection information to drivers and other NHS workers. It is entered into the 'Building Better Healthcare' Awards which are presented in November this year.

Nick Smith, Transport Services Manager, at Hertfordshire Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust explained "At the beginning of each day the driver first checks their vehicle and records information on the device. The control room will then send the driver's schedule of pick-ups and deliveries and the pre-planned route to the Panasonic Toughpad tablet. The driver can then access GIS map information as required to check the route and use the device throughout the day for Proof of Collection and Delivery."

Using a series of drop-down menus for speed and ease of use, the driver can scan barcodes and record signatures for proof of collection or delivery. The Panasonic Toughpad FZ-E1 tablet can also be used as a phone to contact the control centre or departments as required. This is an important safety feature for the drivers, who work alone, so that they can always contact someone during an emergency.

Finally, the software encrypts and transfers information back to the control centre in real-time. This is an important feature to meet data protection and confidentiality requirements because it ensures that data is never stored on the device, in case they are misplaced or stolen.

Smith commented "This new system saves us a lot of paper work, improves our productivity and efficiency and provides a fully traceable proof of collection and delivery service. My long-term ambition would be to see this solution rolled out to other NHS Trusts for their use."

Steve Higgon, TAAP CEO explained "TAAP is delighted to be part of the Panasonic Tough Jobs campaign with an application which is so critical to the running of this essential service. Using cloud solutions

such as Microsoft Azure to support the processing and storage of information means the service is reliable and scalable, so we're able to provide important services to valued clients."

Russell Lane, Corporate Sales Manager, Panasonic System Communications Europe added "Panasonic's Tough Jobs campaign is designed to highlight how versatile the Toughpad devices are in situations where users are working in demanding and often inhospitable environments. Having business critical process software on the devices means they are used to their full potential."

About TAAP

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