

Procuring for Health Benefits: Lessons Learnt to Date in Moving Towards Large Scale Application of Remote Telemonitoring

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Structure of Presentation

- What we are doing
- Critical Success Factors
- Procurement Process



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What We Are Doing

- Taking forward procurement of a remote telemonitoring service for 5000 people by 2011
- Implementing a number of strategically aligned 'pilots'
 - 1500 patients by March 2009
- Developing a Connected Health Strategy looking 5-7 years ahead



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The Service We Wish to Procure

- The supply, delivery, installation, commissioning, maintenance, decommissioning and associated making good of equipment;
- The provision of support and other associated services such as training;
- The collection, processing, analysis, transmission and/or otherwise making available of relevant data (including the triggering of alerts to designate point of contact)
- The development and implementation of relevant system interfaces;
- The provision of a triage service to include technical triage and optionally 1st line clinical triage; and
- Also:
 - Support evaluation
 - Compliant with current and emergine standards for interoperability
 - Future proofed



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Critical Success Factors: Learning to Date

- Alignment with strategic and operational health and social care agenda
- Regional leadership and drive
- Securing local, clinical and corporate support and ownership
- Promotion of 'logic' and evidence base
- Appropriate resourcing



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Critical Success Factors: Alignment with Strategic and Operational Health and Social Care Agenda

- Critical to transition from pilots (personal commitment) to scale application (system commitment)
- Legitimises focus – Ministerial commitment, supported by clear policy framework
- Supports case for prioritisation and investment
- Moves debate from investment in “ICT” to investment in “care”



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Critical Success Factors: Alignment with Strategic and Operational Health and Social Care Agenda

- So the debate and case for introduction is not about technology or economic gain, but about issues of clinical and user concern, such as:
 - Improving Health
 - Information for people
 - Better targeted health promotion
 - Self management
 - Optimising independent living & support for carers
 - Early intervention & case management
 - Supporting professionals & multi-disciplinary networks
 - Streamlining the operational delivery of services
 - Reducing risk
- For health authorities and professionals, the economic benefits are secondary to the care benefits



Critical Success Factors: Regional Leadership and Drive

- Inconsistent response to key challenges
- Recognition that service could not deliver system change without support
- Feasibility study (October – November 07) confirmed need and support for strategic intervention
 - Recognition that current approaches were unsustainable
 - Market failure
 - Considerable stakeholder and cross-sectoral support
 - Evidence base pointing in right direction
 - Maturity in supply chain
 - Timing was right
- Regional initiative announcement in January 08 – with significant funding



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Critical Success Factors: Securing Local Clinical and Corporate Support and Ownership

- Cannot overstate importance of clinical buy-in – impacts on working practices and thus management of clinical risk; and
- The need for corporate commitment to make things happen on the ground;
- This takes time, energy, commitment and leadership; and
- Highly participative project management and implementation structures



Critical Success Factors: Securing Local Clinical and Corporate Support and Ownership

- Building awareness – ‘Roadshows’ and ‘Expo’
- Active engagement of professional bodies
- Identification and involvement of clinical champions
- User engagement and participation
- Building and resourcing pilots to scale
- Initiative subject to local accountability framework and performance management arrangements



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Critical Success Factors: Securing Local Clinical Support and Ownership

- Project Management and Implementation
 - Project Board
 - 5 Local Design Groups – Multidisciplinary
 - Regional Design Group
 - Regional Quality Assurance Group
 - Regional Clinical Forum
 - Local Organisational Arrangements
 - Significant participation in
 - Development of procurement documentation – MoI, Evaluation criteria, OBS, Invitation to participate in dialogue
 - Clinical parameters
 - Development of Business Case, Procurement Strategy



Critical Success Factors: Promotion of Logic and Evidence Base

- Critically important to clinicians and investment decision
- Evidence base is building
- Particularly strong for heart failure and aspects of diabetes
- Less well developed for COPD
- Positive patient experience
- Initiative does not rest exclusively on evidence base but on logic and rationale of improved information and early intervention, and
- Agreement to evaluation – adopt what works and adapt what doesn't



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Procurement of Remote Monitoring Service – Timetable and Process

- Advertised in OJEU 26 August 2008
- Expressions of Interest received 26 September 2008
- Pre-Qualification Questionnaire and Memorandum of Information issued 26 September 2008
- PQQ returns closed Mid October 2008
- Long list determined Early November 2008
- Invitation to participate in dialogue Output Based Specification issued Early November 2008
- Short list determined February 2009
- End of competitive dialogue July 2009
- Best and Final Offer returned Late August 2009
- Award of Contract Late September 2009



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Tendering for Equipment and Service

- Inevitably lengthy and laborious, but
- Depending on approach, can be used to embed local commitment and support
- Market Response:
 - 52 expressions of interest
 - 25 responses to PQQ
 - Significant UK, European and US interest



Key Learning Points

- Needs to be firmly anchored in strategic care agenda
- Focus on contribution to quality, safety, accessibility and user experience (economic and efficiency benefits are by-products)
- Make evidence base available
- Regional leadership and local design
- Clinically led, managerially promoted and supported
- Acknowledge that this takes time

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