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Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, UK, chooses Agfa's DR Retrofit for its radiology modernization program

The DR Retrofit has been implemented in three sites, one of which has already reported a 50% increase in patient throughput for imaging.

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- With its fast, non-invasive installation, the DR Retrofit maximizes existing imaging investments.
- Other benefits include enhanced workflow, improved image quality and potential patient radiation dose reduction.
- By upgrading from CR to DR, the Trust also reduced ambient noise and freed up space.

Agfa announces that the Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, in North West England, UK, has implemented Agfa's DR Retrofit direct radiography (DR) solutions at three of its sites. About 80% of the computed radiography (CR) equipment has been replaced as part of a realignment and modernization project for the radiology department.

Supporting safe, high-quality care

The Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust is a major acute trust serving the people of Wigan and Leigh, UK (population 350,000). The Trust aims to continuously provide safe, high-quality care to all patients.

The Trust has three hospital sites: Royal Albert Edward Infirmary, Leigh Infirmary and Wrightington Hospital. Facilities also include the state-of-the-art Thomas Linacre Centre outpatient center and a dedicated ophthalmology center.

As part of its program to realign and modernize the radiology services, the Trust decided to upgrade from CR to DR. It chose Agfa as its “Imaging Partner”. The contract for the DR Retrofits was signed in September 2017, and implementation was completed in January 2018.

Instant DR: greater throughput, lower dose

With DR Retrofit, hospitals can make the most of their existing radiography investments – whether analog or CR – by affordably upgrading them to DR. Offering quick, simple and non-invasive installation, the solution is ready to go in next to no time, very cost-effectively.

For the Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, the upgrade has resulted in faster, smoother patient throughput, as well as enhanced workflow and better image quality. At the Thomas Linacre Clinic, patient throughput has jumped from 80 patients a day to 120 patients a day.

Reduced noise, and more space

“As part of our radiology realignment and modernization, Agfa’s DR Retrofit helps us provide top-level care, in a timely way, to our patients,” comments Stephen Ackers, Superintendent Radiographer, Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust. “With the DR Retrofit, we were able to replace about 80% of our CR equipment. Alongside the technical benefits of the upgrade, ambient noise has been reduced and space freed up enabling us to repurpose spaces for further benefit to our patients and department.”

“We are very pleased to be supporting the care goals of Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, and proud to have been chosen as its Imaging Partner,” comments Martin Tew, Imaging Sales Director and Service Manager UK & Eire. “It is very much a partnership approach and we look forward to continuing this relationship in the future.”

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