



Digital Health Technology in Humber, Coast and Vale July 2019 update

The NHS in Humber, Coast and Vale is investing in a range of new digital solutions that will improve the delivery of care to patients across the region. The Yorkshire and Humber region was awarded one of five exemplar positions on the NHS Local Health Care Record Exemplar (LHCRE) programme. The Humber, Coast and Vale Digital Programme Team is working together with the Yorkshire & Humber LHCRE to put in place an electronic shared local health and care record that makes relevant information about people instantly available to everyone involved in their care and support.

The LHCRE programme is developing a range of innovative technologies and systems to support information sharing across the Yorkshire and Humber area. The Digital Team is actively working to implement this technology in GP practices, hospitals and other care settings across Humber, Coast and Vale. There are currently two projects under way to improve patient care and experience through the use of safe, appropriate and secure data sharing: the Yorkshire & Humber Care Record and the Electronic Palliative Care Co-ordination System (EPaCCS).

Joining Up Your Care with the Yorkshire & Humber Care Record

The Yorkshire & Humber Care Record project is creating a joined-up digital record for our patients. All the services involved in their care - including GPs, hospitals, mental health, community, emergency services and social care - will be able to access and contribute information to this record. It will make care safer because everyone involved in treating the patient will have access to the most up-to-date and accurate information about the medicines they are taking and any allergies they have, for example. It will also help to avoid unnecessary or duplicate tests and procedures, and reduce paperwork for doctors, nurses and other staff, giving them more time to spend on patient care. All patient records will still be strictly confidential. They will only be looked at by clinical care staff who are directly involved in the patient's care.

Phase one of the project began in Spring 2019. As part of this phase, the Digital Team has been connecting Humber, Coast and Vale GPs and Leeds Teaching Hospital. To date, almost a third of GP practices (47) in Humber, Coast and Vale have been connected to the Yorkshire & Humber Care Record. Phase two will begin in summer 2019, during which the Digital Team will be working closely with the LHCRE programme to connect the other acute hospitals across Humber, Coast and Vale, including North Lincs and Goole, Hull and York.





Transforming End-of-Life Care

The EPaCCS project is creating a shared end-of-life care plan to support the delivery of palliative care across Humber, Coast and Vale. The aim of the project is to improve the care patients receive towards the end of their lives by making data about their preferences and needs easy to access by the professionals involved in their care. The system is currently in development with a pilot planned in Vale of York and Scarborough Ryedale for Autumn 2019. After the initial pilot, the Digital Team will start to make the EPaCCS system available to all staff and organisations that provide end-of-life care across the region.

