

GP link-up for Manchester



David Whitehead of the West Point Medical Centre

A communication network enabling the speedy exchange of clinical correspondence between hospitals and GPs, has been launched at Central Manchester and Manchester Children's Hospitals NHS Trust.

The system, designed by clinical correspondence specialists Medisec Software, will provide electronic links between all six of the trust's hospitals and 69 GPs within Central and South Manchester. It will automatically generate clinical attendance letters, discharge notification forms and summaries for electronic delivery direct to surgeries. It is hoped that earlier access to information will enable GPs to offer higher standards of care. Don Crombie, clinical systems manager at the trust, says: "With 454 staff using the system to produce around 38,000 each month, the technology is helping us to improve quality and turnaround times." David Whitehead, practice business manager at West Point Medical Centre in Levenshulme, Manchester says: "The software has been pivotal in improving the quality and availability of patient information. It's very popular with administrative staff as it eliminates the need to scan or re-input documents."

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