Hampshire Hospitals invited to join national digitisation programme

HAMPShire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust has been named as one of just 18 Trusts invited to join a prestigious NHS England programme.

Hampshire Hospitals has been selected as part of the second wave of digital pioneers or ‘fast followers’ for the NHS England digitisation programme, securing £5million in funding for digital projects.

To be considered for the programme, Trusts had to show that they were digitally ready, with a proven history of technology transformation, and performing financially and clinically.

Tim Cropley, chief information officer at Hampshire Hospitals, which runs Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital, Royal Hampshire County Hospital, in Winchester, and Andover War Memorial Hospital, said: “We are really pleased to have been chosen to join this programme and have started formulating many exciting ideas to build on our digital aspirations.

“Hampshire Hospitals is proud to be recognised as a leading Trust that has the capability to harness the power of technology. Only around 20 per cent of Trusts are on the programme and being chosen to take part shows that we are a performing trust, not only in terms of digital readiness, but in terms of our financial and clinical performance.”

As a ‘fast follower’, Hampshire Hospitals will work with University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust, who were members of the first wave or ‘global digital exemplars’ and have already begun their digitisation programme, to drive innovation across the area.

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Notes to Editors

1. Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust provides hospital services to a population of approximately 570,000 people in Hampshire and parts of West Berkshire.
2. HHFT has around 6,000 staff and a turnover of £385million a year.
3. HHFT delivers one hospital service across multiple locations including its own hospitals, Andover War Memorial Hospital, Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital and Royal Hampshire County Hospital in Winchester. It also provides outpatient and assessment services from Bordon and Alton community hospitals.
4. As a Foundation Trust, HHFT is accountable to the local community through a system of local ownership with members and elected governors. HHFT has around 18,000 staff and public members. Foundation Trusts are free from central government control and can reinvest any surplus to develop clinical services. They are authorised and regulated by NHS Improvement, an independent regulator.
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