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Wide Bore MR system provides new patient services at Wishaw General

Wishaw General Hospital, part of NHS Lanarkshire in Scotland, has recently installed a MAGNETOM® Aera MR system from Siemens Healthcare. It is hoped the new system will expand patient services to include gynaecology imaging and volume scans of the head. It will also continue to provide standard procedures along with neurology, musculoskeletal, Magnetic Resonance Cholangiopancreatography (MRCP) and liver imaging.

The Aera was chosen for its advanced *syngo*® applications and high quality images. The system's rapid examination times have also received positive feedback from hospital staff. It was installed as part of a Siemens Managed Equipment Service partnership with Summit Healthcare, where it takes care of the maintenance, provision and ongoing replacement of all imaging equipment over the lifetime of a contract.

The MAGNETOM Aera is helping to create workflow efficiencies within the hospital and increase productivity through the use of Tim® 4G (Total imaging matrix) and Dot™ (Day optimising throughput) technology. The Wide Bore design comprises a 70cm wide aperture and a total length of 145cm allowing patients of various body shapes and sizes at the hospital to be easily scanned. The system, which features 48 channels, also includes lightweight coils to give radiographers the flexibility to personalise examinations for patients based on their condition and clinical indication.

“The team at Wishaw General Hospital are delighted with the MAGNETOM Aera from Siemens Healthcare,” states Alison Aitchison, Superintendent Radiographer at Wishaw General Hospital. “The Wide Bore design is patient friendly and has helped

reduce anxiety for our claustrophobic patients. In addition to patient comfort it has increased throughput, improving productivity within the department.”

“We have a great relationship with Wishaw General and are delighted the MAGNETOM Aera has been installed as part of a Managed Equipment Service partnership with Summit Healthcare,” comments James Weir, Regional Sales Manager at Siemens Healthcare. “It is anticipated that the system will expand patient services, proving Wishaw’s ongoing commitment to delivering a high standard of care. Staff at the hospital have already commented on how simple it has been to train the team due to its user friendliness and ease of use.”

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James Weir, Regional Sales Manager at Siemens Healthcare and Alison Aitchison, Superintendent Radiographer at Wishaw General Hospital stand with the newly installed MAGNETOM® Aera MR system from Siemens Healthcare which it is hoped will expand patient services.

