

## Royal Stoke University Hospital aims to become centre of excellence with addition of Definition AS+

Royal Stoke University Hospital, part of the University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust, is continuing to boost care provision as patient activity increases and it strives to become a centre of excellence. After undertaking a Siemens Efficiency Project in 2012, the hospital concluded it required a new CT system in the Imaging Department to help enhance capacity, and chose the SOMATOM® Definition AS+ from Siemens Healthcare.

“We have three other Siemens CT systems in the department which Radiologists and Radiographers are well-versed in using, and this helped with the decision to install the Definition AS+,” states Kay Jones, Superintendent Radiographer at University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust. “Staff are already confident in working with the technology, which has been essential in helping us to continue working efficiently. The addition of another advanced CT system has also assisted in creating a larger capacity for inpatients, to help achieve the turnaround times and particularly when A&E is busy.”

Kay Jones continues: “The CT department is experiencing increasing numbers of referrals and the additional capacity is helping to ensure we maintain our waiting list targets. The Definition AS+ is being utilised for a wide range of procedures, including CT colonoscopy, which is less invasive for the patient and provides excellent quality images.”

“Royal Stoke University Hospital was recently nominated for a Health Service Journal ‘Early Bird Scanning Award’ for its continuous high standards, and the installation of a SOMATOM Definition AS+ highlights the hospital’s intent on maintaining these standards,” states John Brady, Regional Sales Manager at Siemens Healthcare. “We look forward to providing ongoing support to help the hospital achieve its aims of becoming a centre of excellence.”

The SOMATOM Definition AS+ CT offers patients a fast and accurate diagnosis and is suitable for routine diagnostic work as well as complex examinations including oncology, musculoskeletal and cardiac imaging. This is assisted by Siemens' unique Fully Assisting Scanner Technologies (FAST), which can automatically suggest the best set of parameters for every individual examination based on the selected body region.

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**Picture caption:** Royal Stoke University Hospital has added another SOMATOM® Definition AS+ from Siemens Healthcare as it strives to become a centre of excellence. From left to right: John Brady, Regional Sales Manager at Siemens Healthcare; Georgina Capper-Adams, Imaging Inpatient Coordinator; Kay Longley, CT Radiography and Dr. Anand Sastry, Radiology Registrar at Royal Stoke University Hospital.



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