

One of the first UK installations of Multix Fusion unveiled

Spire Portsmouth installs X-ray system from Siemens Healthcare for accuracy, patient comfort and user-friendliness

Spire Portsmouth Hospital, part of Spire Healthcare, has become one of the first UK hospitals to install a Multix Fusion system from Siemens Healthcare. The general radiography system delivers accurate and efficient examination times leading to improved patient comfort and throughput. It also features a user-friendly interface for radiographers and a reduced footprint to fit the confines of examination rooms.

The Multix Fusion offers excellent image quality for radiography, covering all routine applications and is available in analogue or digital configurations to suit budgets. The system offers outstanding contrast through the on-board DiamondView Plus post-processing tool and uses Caesium iodide (CsI) for intelligent dose reductions of up to half. Further dose reduction measures include the Multix Fusion's low-absorption table top material, pre-set copper filters and streamlined monitoring and recording of dose delivered to patients. The system's compact footprint allows it to fit into virtually all existing X-ray rooms without extensive works or limiting the types of patients it can be used on.

"This has been an example of an absolutely perfect imaging system installation," said Rosemary Bell, Radiology Manager at Spire Portsmouth. "The Multix Fusion system from Siemens Healthcare offers extreme accuracy, greater throughput and high levels of efficiency. The system is being used for all general radiography at the department and we are very, very pleased with the results it delivers."

“Siemens Healthcare is proud to provide Spire Portsmouth Hospital with one of the first Multix Fusion system installations in the UK,” said Paul Vaughan, Regional Sales Manager at Siemens Healthcare. “The system’s features enable the X-ray department at the healthcare provider to realise strong productivity levels, patient-friendliness and dose reduction, matched with an intuitive user-interface. It also provides healthcare organisations with peace of mind through its patient throughput levels, total cost of ownership and return on investment.”

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About Siemens Healthcare

The **Siemens Healthcare Sector** is one of the world's largest suppliers to the healthcare industry and a trendsetter in medical imaging, laboratory diagnostics, medical information technology and hearing aids. Siemens offers its customers products and solutions for the entire range of patient care from a single source – from prevention and early detection to diagnosis, and on to treatment and aftercare. By optimising clinical workflows for the most common diseases, Siemens also makes healthcare faster, better and more cost-effective. Siemens Healthcare employs some 51,000 employees worldwide and operates around the world. For further information please visit: <http://www.siemens.co.uk/healthcare>.

About Spire Healthcare

Spire Healthcare is the second largest private hospital provider in the UK, with 37 hospitals and ten clinics nationwide. The company is built on a heritage of almost 30 years’ experience running successful private hospitals and offers a full range of integrated surgical, medical and diagnostic services.

The company was formed from the sale of BUPA Hospitals to private equity company Cinven in 2007, followed by the purchase of Classic Hospitals and Thames Valley Hospital in 2008. Spire has since built Spire Shawfair Park Hospital (Edinburgh) and acquired London Fertility Centre, London Cognitive Behavioural Therapy Centres (rebranded as The Insight Network) and Lifescan. Since Spire was formed, performance improvements have included:

- Multiple Independent Healthcare Awards: ‘Innovation’ (2011), ‘Risk Management’ and ‘Nursing Practice’ (2010), ‘Nursing Practice’ (2009), ‘Healthcare Outcomes’ (2008) ‘Infection Control Excellence’ (2007)
- Increase in percentage of patients rating Spire ‘excellent’ or ‘very good’ - from 87% in 2008 to 91% in 2011*
- Increase in percentage of consultant surgeons rating Spire ‘excellent’ or ‘very good’ - from 51% in 2008 to 77% in 2011*
- Increase in percentage of employees who think Spire is a ‘great place to work’ - from 62% in 2009 to 73% in 2011
- EBITDAR uplifts from £127.4m in 2008 to £188.2m in 2011

For further information please visit: www.spirehealthcare.com.

* Rating options included 'excellent', 'very good', 'quite good', 'quite poor', 'very poor' and 'totally unacceptable'.
Survey administered by Howard Warwick Associates in September 2011.

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Spire Portsmouth Hospital, part of Spire Healthcare, has become one of the first UK hospitals to install a Multix Fusion system from Siemens Healthcare. (Left to right: Paul Vaughan, Regional Sales Manager at Siemens Healthcare; Sian Hayes, Business Development Manager; Val Price, Matron; Beata Wdowiak, Radiographer; Lizzy Wilson, Radiographer; and Rosemary Bell, Radiology Manager at Spire Portsmouth Hospital).

