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Royle welcome to Siemens Healthcare scanner

The Royle Family actress and comedienne Caroline Aherne officially opened the new MAGNETOM® Aera 1.5 Tesla MRI system at Wythenshawe Hospital recently. The hospital, part of the University Hospital of South Manchester NHS Foundation Trust (UHSM), has become the first in the UK to install the new system from Siemens Healthcare, designed to increase imaging efficiency and enhance patient care.

The MAGNETOM Aera MRI provides the hospital with a solid imaging foundation for the future. It boasts a wide 70cm Open Bore to accommodate a variety of patient sizes. Its wide short bore provides a more open environment helping to reduce sedation rates and minimise stress for patients. The Tim® (Total imaging matrix) technology and Dot™ (Day optimising throughput) workflow engine inside the system also ensures that the hospital can gain detailed images for diagnosis and scan as efficiently as possible to boost productivity levels.

The Aera MRI system will be used for a wide range of examinations, including angiography, abdominal and orthopaedic imaging.

“The Aera MRI system from Siemens Healthcare is an exciting step into the future. We can now offer the local community innovative facilities for swift and comfortable scans,” said Nick Sanderson, Lead Radiographer for MR Imaging at UHSM’s Wythenshawe Hospital. “The combination of Tim and Dot technology is also a powerful partnership for MRI as it will maximise productivity even when challenged by staff resource levels and patient lists.”

Jane Kilkenny, MR Product Manager at Siemens Healthcare, said, "The first operational Aera MRI system is a great accolade for Wythenshawe Hospital and we're delighted to hear the benefits that the department is already experiencing. Since its launch into the UK in 2010 the Aera has been well received and other installations are due to go-live up and down the country bringing streamlined MRI workflow and higher standards of patient care."

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