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ALERT signs contract with Blackpool Nov. 2009

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The Board of Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust has approved the proposal for **ALERT Life Sciences Computing, S.A.** to become the supplier of the Trust's electronic patient record system.

Phillip Graham, Head of IM&T, told E-Health Insider that the case for **Vision** – the name given to the project by Trust staff – had been approved and it was "all systems go."

Graham said: "We are starting by implementing in A&E at the Trust followed by the Lancashire Cardiac Centre and then rolling out across the Trust. **ALERT** has a very mature EPR system and we feel that staff across the Trust are very forward thinking when it comes to making the changes required."

The Trust will begin rolling-out the system at the beginning of December. Then, over the next two years, the system will be deployed across the rest of the Trust.

The Trust's chief executive, **Aidan Kehoe**, met with **ALERT** on 9 November, 2009, to finalise the ASCC contract.

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Kehoe said: "The **Vision** project will take patient care to a whole new level. It will benefit our patients by making comprehensive information, such as test results, medication orders and progress notes, easily and immediately accessible to the doctors and nurses who are caring for them at all stages of treatment from a minor problem to an emergency incident. "Most staff will already use a computer system as part of the provision of care in their daily routine, but with **Vision** this will be expanded to include a number of procedures such as ordering prescriptions, care pathways and clinical documentation."

Although the Trust would not disclose the amount of the contract, **Kehoe** said it was "a multi-million pound change management project with great benefits, both quantitative and qualitative."

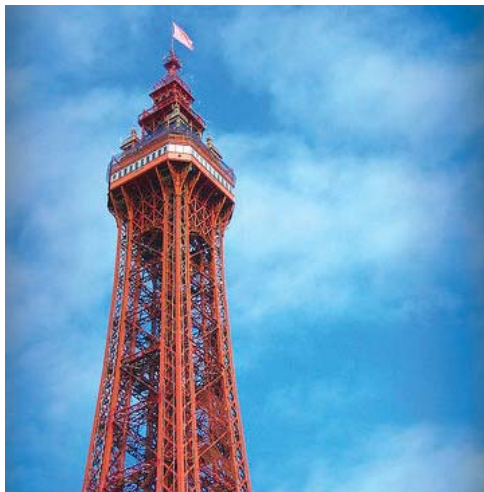
Jorge Guimarães, Chairman of the Board of Directors and President of ALERT said:

"The implementation of a state of the art electronic health record in the **Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust** will be a landmark in the advancement of medical care that will be appreciated in the UK, Europe and worldwide.

"We are committed to improving health in the region and are honoured with the opportunity to work with the Trust's team to serve the local community."

ALERT will be implementing its full range of products across the organisation including:

- ALERT@ EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM (EDIS)
- ALERT@ TRIAGE
- ALERT@ OUTPATIENT
- ALERT@ INPATIENT
- ALERT@ OPERATING ROOM INFORMATION SYSTEM (ORIS)
- ALERT@ PATIENT DATA AND MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (PDMS)
- ALERT@ PLANNING SYSTEM (APS)
- ALERT@ DATA WAREHOUSE (ADW)
- ALERT@ DECISION TREE PROTOCOLS
- INTER ALERT@
- ALERT@ SCHEDULING
- ALERT@ PRESCRIPTION
- ALERT@ ENTERPRISE WORKFLOW ENGINE (EWE)



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About ALERT

ALERT Life Sciences Computing, S.A. is based in Porto, Portugal and started its activity in December 1999. Currently, it has a multidisciplinary team of 800 permanent employees, including physicians, nurses, pharmacists, designers, engineers, IT and life sciences consultants, and managers.

ALERT is a privately owned company.

ALERT is fully committed to the development, distribution and implementation of ALERT® healthcare solutions, which have been designed to create paper-free clinical environments.

With a turnover of over 37.6 million GBP (42.6 million EUR) in 2009, ALERT has been rapidly increasing its revenue every year. These results are a consequence of the important investment made in the development and commercialisation of quality products.

ALERT® products have been adopted in Portugal, Spain, Italy, Netherlands, United Kingdom, United States, Brazil, Mexico, Chile and Malaysia.

ALERT Life Sciences Computing U.K. Ltd was established in September 2008 to sell and implement ALERT® products in the United Kingdom.

In England, ALERT was appointed by NHS Connecting for Health to supply clinical IT systems to the NHS Trusts under the Additional Supply, Capability and Capacity framework contract as part of the National Programme for IT.

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