

Maternity Department at Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust benefit from EuroKing

Background

Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust runs services at Darent Valley Hospital, Queen Mary's Hospital, Erith & District Hospital and Elm Court (Priory Mews). Maternity services are situated at Darent Valley Hospital in a purpose built area and offer a full range of antenatal, intrapartum and postnatal care.

The maternity department upgraded to EuroKing's latest generation maternity solution in April 2015.

The upgrade process was regarded by the trust as a great success and has unlocked many additional benefits, which result from a wide range of upgraded functionality, targeted to enhance efficiency and patient safety.

New product features include quick baby registration for faster transfer to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit; full Payment by Results data entry and reporting; plus Maternity Service Dataset input and extraction.

Easy and Successful Implementation

Paul Seymour, Systems Manager at Dartford & Gravesham NHS Trust explains: "We initially wanted to move away from writing and paper based solutions, which is why we started working and developing with EuroKing. When it was time to implement the new system, the whole team were really impressed with the upgrade process. Our IT lead said that it was the easiest installation ever! The team were all ready in case of teething problems, as with most new deployments, but they were literally sitting around twiddling their thumbs!"



6 Months On

Paul Seymour continues:

“We have been using EuroKing’s new solution for 6 months now, and I am very impressed with it and the advanced functionality. We find the statistics and the reporting really good and I am very happy with the security, Information Governance and enhanced safeguarding. I am also impressed with the developments and roadmap as demonstrated at the EuroKing user groups. The team absolutely love the new system!”

“We have now started emailing some of the key reports that we used to print, post or fax. Being able to save them in a variety of formats rather than just print them out makes this a relatively straightforward - and, just as importantly, secure - process. This means that we’re now printing/posting around 7000 less pieces of paper each year which pleases me no end as I’m also one of the Trust’s Energy and Sustainability Champions!”

Future Benefits:

Being on EuroKing’s latest generation maternity solution offers trusts access to potential wider benefits through new technology modules, which include EuroKing’s Community Offline. This mobile solution enables community midwives to access and update patient records wherever they are. It enhances patient safety in the community, ensuring midwives can access a comprehensive history of past and current patient information, even in areas with no network connectivity. Until now, this level of information has been limited to the wards, and has relied heavily on paper notes. Providing a fully mobile maternity record, Community Offline can also return significant financial savings to a trust, by reducing the administrative overhead and duplication of effort, often associated with the provision of community services. One hospital noticed that the sharing of information was faster while using Community Offline, while there was also a reduction in overtime working for midwives. Initial findings were that there was the potential to save up to 2 hours per midwife per day, which they equated to the following potential extrapolated savings (worked out from initial findings). Financially at a mid point band 6, for 25 community midwives this could be a potential annual saving of £2,713.00 per midwife or £67,825 for 25 midwives.

EuroKing also offers fully integrated Central Monitoring and CTG Archive, which enables staff to view CTG traces for women under their care, either at the individual patient’s bedside, or from anywhere within the labour ward and even remotely from outside the hospital.



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