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Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust implements Digital Healthcare's OptoMize Solution for Diabetic Retinal Screening

Digital Healthcare, an English National Screening Programme for Diabetic Retinopathy (ENSPDR) approved software supplier has recently implemented the latest version of its OptoMize software platform for Diabetic Retinal Screening for Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust.

The system is based at the Trust's Bryan House location in Wigan and links workstations across three Hospital sites to support the delivery of the Screening Service for up to 25,000 diabetic patients in the region.

The OptoMize product meets in full the functional requirements of the ENSPDR workbook 4, is a solution that has a high level of user friendliness, is a solution that provides patients with an efficient and supportive service and allows programmes to manage and develop their service in a cost efficient and pro active manner.

The successful implementation of the system, which included a data migration of existing patient data from the Trust's legacy management system, was managed by a project team working to Prince2™ project management principles. The project management team included representatives from all areas of the Trust and the Screening Service including the Clinical Consultant, the Screening Programme Manager, the IT Lead, and representatives from Photography, Screening/Grading and Administration together with representatives from Digital Healthcare.

The Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust Diabetic Retinal Screening Service went live on the 1st of June using OptoMize, less than 3 weeks following installation.

Kevin McDonnell, Managing Director at Digital Healthcare, commented: "Digital Healthcare has successfully deployed over 40 operational Diabetic Retinopathy Screening programmes in the UK. We are delighted that Digital Healthcare and our OptoMize solution has now also been chosen by Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust to support their Diabetic Retinal Screening Programme and I must compliment the project management team for the professional, effective and efficient way in which they have implemented OptoMize in such short timescales."

Salim Natha, Consultant Ophthalmologist at Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust commented: "Digital Healthcare was chosen after a rigorous selection process and they have delivered on their promises. OptoMize is proving to be invaluable in helping us to deliver a high quality Retinal Screening Service to the Diabetic patients in our region"

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About Digital Healthcare:

Digital Healthcare provides software and related services for very large scale population eye screening and technology to manage information and images in clinical ophthalmology. In the UK care of over 1million diabetic patients is managed using Digital Healthcare's OptoMize product with 39 regional Diabetic Retinal Screening Schemes providing screening to their patient populations to detect early and previously undiagnosed signs of diabetic retinopathy and other causes of blindness.

In the US the Company's Retasure service to detect signs of retinopathy in diabetic patients is used by nearly 900 physicians in 19 states. Digital Healthcare's OcuLab product is used by some of the World's leading Ophthalmology Departments, including The Wilmer Institute in Baltimore MD, to integrate clinical instruments and distribute information across their institutions.

Digital Healthcare's award winning products are built on Microsoft's .Net and SQL Server technologies delivering powerful, scalable functionality in a secure and future proof environment.