Octopus unleashed at University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust by Ascribe Consulting

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12th July 2011 - Ascribe is pleased to announce the 'Go Live' of an enterprise Business Intelligence (BI) solution launched under the banner of Octopus at University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (UCLH). The Octopus system is a full range of management information dashboards underpinning the delivery of excellent clinical care.

Octopus provides the Trust's senior decision makers with the ability to examine key demand trends and performance indicators in depth from their desktops. The solution spans across the Trust's A&E, referral, waitlists, outpatient, inpatient, and diagnostic activity; at the same time it provides in-depth revenue & activity positions against plan, ready for the Hospital's managers every Monday morning.

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The release is a key one for the Trust in that it ensures it is equipped to make better decisions that define the way the organisation delivers its healthcare objectives. It is also a significant milestone for Ascribe as we look to expand the BI capability in all our Acute-facing products as the solution we have developed can be easily adapted to meet other requirements on other projects.

Speaking on behalf of the Trust, Simon Mortimore, Head of Information Services at UCLH said, "Octopus is enabling this Trust to draw valuable intelligence from the mass of raw data which we collect each day, around 200 feeds. The data warehouse has been constructed so that no information is lost or wasted. We can now draw out performance, demand, and revenue information and support the allocation of resources far more efficiently and ensure that we continue to deliver excellent patient care. In addition we can develop and deploy BI solutions much faster."

"Ascribe is delighted to deliver the Octopus system to UCLH. Working together with UCLH, we have a created a system that draws upon multiple data sources and produces a coherent and clear insight into their patient, clinical and management needs. We are also seeing an increase in BI orders from the Health Sector for our Business Intelligence solutions", said Stephen Critchlow, CEO of Ascribe Ltd.

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About Ascribe Consulting
Informing healthcare decisions using appropriate information, and improving health outcomes through the use of informed clinical intelligence have always been at the heart of Ascribe's vision and mission. Ascribe Consulting has established itself as a trusted partner in over 70 NHS Trusts and provides a wide range of health and social care organisations with access to performance KPIs, operational or clinical dashboards or direct access to data using analytical tools.

Ascribe Consulting create NHS Business Intelligence Portals using the Microsoft® Business Intelligence (BI) software stack, best practice data warehouse design methodologies and most importantly an extensive health sector experience.

“BI is quite simply taking the hand cuffs off, right across the organisation — even a limitless budget couldn’t have liberated us in this way." Andy Hall, Associate Director of Performance, Nottinghamshire County PCT.

About University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (UCLH) is one of the most complex NHS trusts in the UK, it consist of a collection of six hospitals situated in the heart of London and serves a large and diverse population. In July 2004, UCLH were one of the first NHS trusts to achieve Foundation Trust status.

The Trust provides academically-led acute and specialist services, to people from the local area, from throughout the United Kingdom and overseas. UCLH is committed to delivering top-quality patient care, excellent education and world class research.

UCLH has a turnover of £700 million and contracts with 70 primary care trust commissioning bodies to provide services. The Trust see over 700,000 outpatients and admit over 120,000 patients each year.

In December 2006, in partnership with University College London (UCL) we became one of the country’s five comprehensive biomedical research centres. We are a member of UCL Partners which brings together five of Britain's world-renowned medical research centres and hospitals: UCL; Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Trust; Moorfields Eye Hospital NHS Foundation Trust; the Royal Free Hampstead NHS Trust; and UCLH. UCL Partners was officially designated as one of the UK’s first academic health science centres by the UK Department of Health in March 2009. UCLH works with the Royal Free and University College Medical School, London South Bank and City universities to offer high-quality training and education. http://www.uclh.nhs.uk [1]

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Over 75% of NHS Acute Trusts use Ascribe systems and our commitment to improving healthcare IT has made us a strategic partner for a growing number of Trusts.

Ascribe's clinical systems are robust and scalable, from departmental systems through to strategic enterprise-scale solutions. The company is a Microsoft Gold Partner. In addition developing its own solutions, Ascribe provides professional consultancy personnel for Ascribe, Microsoft and other healthcare IT systems.

From Electronic Prescribing through to Paperless Clinical Management and even Pharmacy robotic interfaces, Ascribe's breadth of integrated systems has been proven to help Trusts improve their efficiency and cut costs.

Ascribe employs 300 personnel through its operating companies in the UK, Kenya, Australia and New Zealand. For more information, please visit http://www.ascribe.com/ [4]

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