# Luton and Dunstable Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Go Live with Ascribe's Emergency Department Clinical solution

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**7th September 2011** – Ascribe has announced today the 'Go Live' of the Ascribe Symphony Emergency Department ("ED") Clinical Solution at Luton and Dunstable Hospital NHS Foundation Trust.

Ascribe's ED solution is an Electronic Patient Record (EPR) system designed to improve patient flow through the department, providing users with simple, yet comprehensive access to clinical information at 'the point of care'. The system will support the Trust's Emergency Department which serves the South Bedfordshire population of approximately 350,000.

The Trust chose Ascribe's solution for a number of reasons. Ascribe's Symphony is a market-leading ED clinical system in the UK, having been developed by clinicians in the UK and continuously refined and developed for over 15 years. The system provides a wide range of rich clinical features and a user friendly graphical interface which improves access to patient information and retrieval of real-time clinical data. The system can operate on a stand-alone basis or it can be integrated with existing patient administration, diagnostic and/or finance systems.

Ascribe's ED solution also provides Emergency Departments with more accurate Clinical Decision Support (CDS) and tracks clinical quality indicators; the system interacts with decision support databases, hospital or department guidelines and intranets.

David Kirby, Consultant of Emergency Medicine at the Trust, commented on the Go Live: "A lot of work went into the system configuration and on the go-live date, the system worked without fault with only minor problems being ironed out rapidly by the on-site support team."

The Trust is an existing user of the Ascribe's Endoscopic clinical systems and had formerly used Ascribe's AEII Clinical system for Emergency Departments prior to purchasing Ascribe's updated ED solution, Symphony.

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**About Ascribe's Emergency Care system, Ascribe Symphony**
Ascribe Symphony is a Microsoft Windows TM based Electronic Patient Record (EPR) system designed to improve patient healthcare by providing clinicians and clerical staff with a comprehensive clinical information access & retrieval IT solution.

The solution is locally configurable and allows real-time monitoring against national standards, enabling users to measure improvements against key performance standards. The system can operate either on a stand-alone basis or it can be integrated into existing computer systems.

Symphony allows departments to monitor patient's progress, allocate resources and track performance targets. Symphony is installed in Emergency Departments in the UK, the Republic of Ireland and Australia. Over 20 million patients in the UK, Republic of Ireland and Asia Pacific have been registered on Symphony.

**About The Luton & Dunstable Hospital NHS Foundation Trust**
The Luton & Dunstable Hospital NHS Foundation Trust - more familiarly known at 'The L&D' - is a highly-rated Acute Hospital located conveniently close to major hubs in south Bedfordshire. The L&D has an international reputation as a pioneering leader in a number of specialty fields of medicine and surgery and serves a local population of over 350,000 from Luton, Dunstable, together other towns and villages in the south Bedfordshire and north Hertfordshire region.

The L&D is also well placed as a regional centre of excellence for key specialties such as neo-natal intensive care, obesity research and surgery, neurophysiology, maxillofacial and cancer services. The L&D is also home to one of the largest Breast Screening Centres in the country and the regional Limb-Fitting service.

In 2009 the L&D were awarded for being "Best in Class" in tackling infection, having halved our MRSA and C.diff infections during the previous year. As from April 2009 a new MRSA screening programme has been introduced to ensure that this trend continues. http://www.ldh.nhs.uk/ [3]

**About Ascribe**
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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