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Leicester mammography upgrade goes live

The digital transformation of the mammography services at University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust (UHL) has taken another leap forward as Asteral installed two key upgrades at Glenfield Hospital.

Asteral has installed two Hologic Selenia FFDM units at Glenfield with the first going live in March and the second in May. These installations complement the two GE units already installed by Asteral and mean that all four rooms at UHL's Breast Care Centre at Glenfield Hospital are now completely digital.

Darren Woolley, Asteral's General Manager at Leicester, who oversaw the procurement and installation for Asteral said, "UHL's decision to upgrade their entire mammography service was accompanied by a clear brief to deliver equipment that would give much improved image quality and deliver a reliable service. Because we are vendor neutral, the Trust was able to choose from a range of manufacturers to get the best solution to fit their requirements so they could concentrate on achieving the highest quality care efficiently and reliably."

Dr Elizabeth Denton, Clinical Director of Breast Screening said "the new digital equipment will significantly enhance the quality of service we offer, improving diagnostic accuracy through much sharper and more detailed images and possibly allowing us to reduce patients' exposure to radiation. Asteral's Managed Equipment Services played a major part in delivering this upgrade which will ensure a better service for patients and bring UHL Breast Imaging into the 21st century".

The final stage in UHL's digital transformation will be the provision of three new mobile digital breast screening trailers also equipped with Hologic Selenia FFDM units scheduled for delivery later this autumn. This will take Leicester to the cutting edge of cancer diagnostics consistent with the latest guidance from the DH and Advisory Committee on Breast Cancer Screening to move away from analogue to entirely digital mammography.



"UHL mammo - May 10.JPG" showing (L to R) Superintendent Radiographer Joan Richards, Advanced Practitioner, Christine Neilson and Senior Radiographer, Jenner Quinn at Glenfield's Breast Screening Centre equipped by Asteral.