

First UK order of *syngo.plaza* announced at Russells Hall Hospital

Siemens' PACS will enhance workflow and speed up reporting

The first UK order of the new *syngo*[®].*plaza* PACS solution from Siemens Healthcare has been announced by Russells Hall Hospital, part of The Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. It will enable the hospital to accelerate workflow plus provide faster diagnosis for routine and complex cases.

syngo.plaza replaces an existing Siemens PACS solution refreshed as part of the Managed Equipment Service (MES) contract. The hospital currently has around 2,500 PACS users who will now benefit from fast image reading in any dimension on any workstation via an intuitive user interface. The system stores user preferences, organises images based on individual clinicians needs and offers a fast overview of the patient history. It also assists in complex clinical challenges, using the post-processing applications as required and will enable the hospital to expand as requirements change.

“*syngo.plaza* is the next generation PACS from Siemens and it will allow us to stay ahead of the game and provide the best quality imaging to patients,” said Stephen Cotton, IT Manager at Russells Hall Hospital. “Users of this new system will have the same functionality from whatever workstation they use, allowing them the flexibility to view images in 3D and merge a number of images into one. The solution will also allow us to maximise the up-time of the system so we can deal with patients more efficiently.”

Russells Halls Hospital will be complementing the use of *syngo.plaza* with integration to its existing *syngo.via* multi-modality Advanced Visualisation system. This will also assist with PACS training as the *syngo* platforms have familiar user interfaces designed for intuitive use.

“Russells Hall Hospital is leading the way with the order of *syngo.plaza* and its integration into *syngo.via*. The fast, resilient and easy-to-use PACS will enable radiologists and clinicians to easily view and access images to improve workflow,” said Ronan Kirby, *syngo* Business Manager at Siemens Healthcare.

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Picture caption: Russells Hall has become the first UK hospital to order the new syngo[®].plaza PACS system from Siemens Healthcare to assist the diagnosis of routine and complex cases.

