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**HOSPITALS’ IT SYSTEM WINS NATIONAL COMPUTING AWARD**

A single sign-on system, which helps give the Trust’s clinical staff quick access to computer systems and improves security, has won Network Project of the Year in the public sector category at the 2011 Network Computing Awards. The fifth Network Computing Awards took place at London's Hotel Russell last week (7 April).

The system has been developed by [Imprivata](http://www.imprivata.com), a US-based [single sign-on](http://www.imprivata.com/onesign_sso) and [access management](http://www.imprivata.com/onesign_authentication_management) company. Imprivata OneSign was rolled out across the Trust’s hospitals - a complex environment of legacy and web-based applications, while introducing smart cards as a means of [ensuring](http://www.imprivata.com/onesign_authentication_management) secure access.

Pictured is a smartcard in use to access the Patient Administration System.

Implementation incorporated over 40 clinical applications, each of which had previously required separate username and password details. Among the 40 applications are some of the most-used systems: Patient Administration, pharmacy, and medical secretaries’ digital dictation system, and the forthcoming automated internal ordering system. Following the roll-out, staff benefit from better system security and streamlined access while also leading to patient care improvements.

“At Doncaster and Bassetlaw Hospitals, we are constantly looking for ways to improve systems in order to enhance the standard of patient care that we are able to provide,” said Neil Racher, Senior IT Project Manager. “As well as improving data access from the user’s perspective, using OneSign also helps audit, allowing IT staff to track which users have accessed data and when. This provides huge benefits at a time when the NHS is making a concentrated effort to improve IT security.”

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**Notes to the Editor**

Doncaster & Bassetlaw Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust aims to provide local, sustainable, excellent services. It provides a range of acute medical services at three hospitals (Bassetlaw Hospital in Worksop, Doncaster Royal Infirmary, and Montagu Hospital, Mexborough) and in a number of community locations. In addition, outpatient services are provided at Retford Hospital, and rehabilitation services for older people at Tickhill Road Hospital, Doncaster. The Trust serves a population of over 410,000 people in the areas covered by Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council and Bassetlaw District Council, as well as from parts of North Derbyshire, Barnsley, Rotherham, and north-west Lincolnshire. It employs on average 5237 staff.

In 2009/10, there were over 77,045 emergency attendances, including both A&E patients and medical emergencies, over 97,425 new outpatients were referred, and over 50,529 inpatients were treated and discharged.

In this year’s new ratings by the Care Quality Commission, the Trust was classified as Excellent for Quality of services and Good for Use of resources. It maintained a Good patient environment rating for each hospital site in 2010.

The Trust was approved as one of the first 10 NHS foundation trusts in March 2004 after receiving the top-rated three stars in the NHS Performance Ratings for five years. It also won the Top40 Hospitals Award for seven years.

Membership of this NHS foundation trust is open to residents of Bassetlaw and Doncaster, and patients from outside these areas, over the age of 16. For membership enquiries, contact the Membership Office on (01302) 381355 or e-mail foundation.office@dbh.nhs.uk.