

A New Partnership, for Pathology

GSTS Pathology LLP and KingsPath have formed a strategic partnership to deliver world-class pathology services.

Our unique partnership represents a joint venture between King's College Hospital, Guy's and St Thomas' Hospital and Serco.

By working together in this way, we have become the UK's leading provider of pathology services.

The Expertise to make a difference

This partnership brings together the undisputed clinical and scientific expertise of two leading NHS Foundation Trusts with the public sector and business acumen of a FTSE 100 Company:-

Who's Who in the Joint Venture?

Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust

Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust is made up of two of London's most prestigious teaching hospitals that have been at the forefront of medical intervention and progress for almost 900 years. The Trust employs over 9,000 staff and provides around 1 million patient contacts in acute and specialist hospital services every year. The Trust works in partnership with the Schools of Medicine, Dentistry, Nursing and Biomedical Sciences of King's College London and other Higher Education Institutes to deliver high quality education and research.

King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust is one of the UK's largest and busiest teaching hospitals, with over 6,900 staff providing around 1,000,000 patient contacts a year. King's has a unique profile, with a full range of local hospital services for people in the London boroughs of Lambeth and Southwark as well as specialist services to patients from further afield. The Trust is recognised internationally for its work in liver disease and transplantation, neurosciences, cardiac, haemato-oncology, major trauma and stroke. King's also plays a key role in the training and education of medical, nursing and dental students with its academic partner, King's College London.

GSTS Pathology

GSTS Pathology, formed in 2009, is a 50:50 joint venture between Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust and Serco plc. By 2010, GSTS was already the largest independent pathology provider in the UK, carrying out 7 million tests a year for 1000 customers.

KingsPath

The brand name for the pathology service at King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, features one of the largest, integrated, automated laboratories in Europe. KingsPath provides services for more than 1000 external customers in both the NHS and the private healthcare sectors. Its extensive test repertoire is one of the most comprehensive portfolios in specialist pathology tests in the UK.

Serco Health

Is a business unit of Serco group plc – a UK-based FTSE 100 international service company. Serco Health supports the NHS by building long-term partnerships to deliver and support primary and acute care services. It currently provides a range of high quality health services including primary care, pathology, occupational health and support services to Acute Trusts.

For more information about the new Partnership

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Working in Partnership to deliver world-class services



Pathology Services

The Time to Change

Pathology plays a critical role within the patient pathway. It is estimated that more than 70% of all patient healthcare decisions are dependent on tests and investigations carried out in a pathology laboratory.

The provision of pathology services is also an important issue for the NHS – Pathology employs 25,000 staff and currently costs the NHS around £2.5 billion per year.

Pathology in the UK is undergoing a period of unprecedented change. In 2008, an independent report into pathology services in England by Lord Carter of Coles made a number of recommendations aimed at improving pathology services. One recommendation was for the creation of a small number of well-equipped facilities to provide the vast majority of pathology services in England (currently, most hospitals have some level of pathology service).

This partnership creates a new organisation with the scale and breadth of expertise to make the Carter vision a reality and to ensure a continued focus on patient care.

Benefits and Service

Using Innovation to Improve Service Quality and Productivity

Changes have to be made in pathology as elsewhere in the NHS in order to make significant savings.

At the same time, the QIPP agenda (Quality, Innovation, Productivity and Prevention) is still a priority for healthcare in the UK and the quality of patient service must continue to improve, not decline.

New ways to provide the services required are needed.

Unlike most providers, this partnership is majority owned by leading Foundation Trusts, which ensures a lasting NHS and clinical focus. The partnership provides business acumen. It has the investment clout to support research and development and technical advancements, plus the freedom to innovate and adapt services quickly to provide a more efficient service.

Science and Service

Our Commitment to Research and Development

Research and Development activity represents one of the most significant ways that pathology can be used to improve patient care.

Real advances in the treatment of disease can be made by translating the result of research undertaken in the laboratory into clinical practice.

This partnership establishes a single pathology service for King's Health Partners Academic Health Sciences Centre – one of only 5 AHSC's in the UK.

By supporting the aims of King's Health Partners – to translate world-leading research into better care and outcomes for patients – we will maintain a strong focus on research and development.

Our vision is to use basic and translational research, service development, clinical excellence and world-class teaching to bring about swifter and more effective improvements for patients.