

Wellbeing Group July 2021

The July meeting of the Patient and Public Involvement Senate of the NHS Northwest Innovation Agency had a packed agenda with four different innovations being presented to us as described below:

1. SME – Dignio (virtual wards and clinics) – <https://dignio.com/en/>
This provides a platform for healthcare providers to hold virtual consultations with patients in various settings. There is quite a good amount of interesting information about this on the website which can be accessed via the link above.
2. SME – Tritonpeak (retractable screens for hospitals and clinics) - <http://www.tritonpeak.co.uk/>
The information provided by the company describes the product as being a fixed installation that provides a clear, physical and flexible barrier between hospital beds. The ceiling to floor screens work alongside the existing curtain track for maximum flexibility of both privacy and protection and are easy to remove and replace. The manufacturer claims that use of the product has increased ward capacity back to near normal levels at Southport and Ormskirk NHS Trust during the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic.
3. SME – Liopa (deciphering speech from lip movements) - <http://www.liopa.ai/>
This system uses artificial intelligence via a smartphone app to enable patients who have difficulty speaking to communicate their needs and wishes to healthcare professionals, friends and family.
4. Respiratory Review. The Cheshire and Merseyside Health and Care Partnership are in the process of developing a website dedicated to the management of respiratory conditions with the idea of all patients living in the area having access to information about their condition including diagnosis and management, pointers to local services, and a peer-to-peer discussion group. Senate members have been invited to assist in the website development.

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