

NHS Mersey Care Trust use SCC.



SCC in partnership with Informatics Merseyside uses its industry leading secure Sentinel by SCC service to deliver Britain's first operational NHS Cloud, enabling the seamless transfer of 15TB of highly sensitive public data, reduced costs and a more transparent, auditable computing infrastructure without interrupting clinical operations.



A busy community service caring for the specialist needs of over 33,000 clients across the North West of England, West Midlands and Wales, Mersey Care NHS Trust faced an urgent need to rethink its ICT infrastructure.

With remaining static not an option, the healthcare operator faced the choice of either completely relocating to new premises, entering an infrastructure co-location arrangement or moving to a cloud based model.

"Governance, compliance and patient safety are big challenges to overcome in healthcare IT. This meant that developing a sound business case, a robust contract framework and a working relationship with a credible supplier was critical," said Mark Bostock, Director, Informatics Merseyside.

"Additionally, we wanted the new system to offer real flexibility, so that Mersey Care or any of our other NHS customers can scale up or down very quickly according to their needs at any one time, meaning that organisations can plan ahead with much greater certainty in terms of capital outlay."

Seeking a solution that would not only answer the immediate problem but also many future issues, Informatics Merseyside and SCC created a unique framework agreement that enables individual NHS trusts to procure a wide range of Data Centre services more cheaply and flexibly than ever before.

With Mersey Care becoming the first UK healthcare provider to take advantage of the significant ICT cost reductions offered by Cloud computing and sign up to the framework, our teams immediately set to work, developing a delivery roadmap designed to effectively manage the seamless migration to SCC's IL2 and IL3 rated Sentinel by SCC.

Now completed, the move has delivered considerable cost savings. In addition to a reduced physical footprint and associated costs, Mersey Care's executive team now has access to an advanced management system that offers far greater insight into their system and its utilisation and has introduced total transparency in every area of their computing activities.