



BOSSnet goes live at Fremantle Hospital

February 2019 – Allscripts' BOSSnet EMR platform has gone live at Fremantle Hospital in WA successfully completing the 300-bed specialist hospital's transition from paper to digital records.

Fremantle Hospital is a major provider of quality health care for people in Perth's south-western suburbs and offers a range of services including mental health, aged care, and elective surgical services. It plays a key role in supporting the Fiona Stanley Hospital, the first site in Western Australia to deploy the BOSSnet EMR and which has paved the way for other installations across the region.

Director, Strategic Business Development at BOSSnet, Narelle Portakiewicz said that the implementation required 12 months of intensive planning and that all inpatient wards, outpatient and community services, day patient areas, theatres and procedural areas are now successfully using the BOSSnet platform.

"The implementation of BOSSnet required an extensive upgrade of the hospital's infrastructure which included the introduction of 35 new workstations on wheels, 55 PCs, 654 widescreen monitors and four enterprise grade document scanners," explained Ms Portakiewicz.

"The system is performing as it should and we have received very positive feedback from clinicians."

Fiona Stanley Fremantle Hospitals Group (FSFHG) ICT Program Manager Jonathan Langdale said the change supported continuity of care across FSFHG and improved communication across disciplines.

"With patients being transferred between Fiona Stanley and Fremantle hospitals daily, the EMR standardises clinical access to a patient's medical record and medical history," Mr. Langdale said.

"Allied health staff, nurses and doctors from both hospital sites can immediately access and enter details into a patient's digital medical record, read previous admissions and outpatient notes, and access some procedure and investigation results," added Mr Langdale.

"The EMR will help us work more efficiently and effectively without the delays and risks associated with copying, storing and retrieving paper records across both sites."

Mr Langdale said getting 'BOSSnet-ready' was an enormous hospital-wide effort, with more than 1000 staff undertaking training to familiarise themselves with the new program.



“The hard work and commitment shown by all staff, particularly the project team and BOSSnet champions, has made this significant change a success,” Jonathan said.

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