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Joined-Up Health & Care conference marks two significant anniversaries

InterSystems annual conference will discuss healthcare challenges as the NHS turns 70 and how technology can help to meet them as the company turns 40

InterSystems, a global leader in health information technology, will be celebrating a double anniversary at its annual Joined-Up Health & Care conference. This year's event at The Belfry, Sutton Coldfield, will take place just days before the NHS celebrates its 70th anniversary, and as InterSystems itself turns 40.

Mark Palmer, country manager UK and Ireland, said: "This is a great moment to reflect on the evolution of health, technology, the NHS, and InterSystems; but it is also time to look ahead.

"Our Joined-Up Health & Care conference will do that by considering some of the big challenges facing health and care today, and how technology can help to solve them. It will also provide an opportunity to discuss some of the big issues facing organisations that want to adopt new technology, from interoperability to managing complex delivery."

Four-times Olympic gold medallist Sir Matthew Pinsent will deliver a keynote speech to delegates around the importance of teamwork, agility and motivation.

On interoperability, the conference will hear from Jeremy Goff, vice president international clinical and services solutions at KLAS Research, about its latest study in the UK. This found that interoperability continues to pose "big challenges" to the NHS, with most information sharing taking place via 61 local shared record schemes, rather than within the core care record that clinicians use.

However, it will also hear about what can happen when information is shared effectively. Philip Graham, the digital programme lead at Lancashire and South Cumbria Sustainability and Transformation Partnership, will talk about how digital child health services can support parents and professionals in improving care for children and young people.

On delivery, Graham Evans, the chief information and technology officer at North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust, will discuss what it has learned since the organisation announced that it would implement InterSystems TrakCare in 2014.

The trust provides both hospital and community services to around 400,000 people in Hartlepool, Stockton, and parts of County Durham, and needed to replace its existing patient administration system and roll-out an electronic patient record when it picked TrakCare for its unified design.

Such a large technology implementation was always likely to be difficult, and Evans will outline some of the difficulties experienced on the journey so far, and what it has done to overcome them – and succeed. Meanwhile, Mike Hay, a senior manager at Deloitte, will tackle another implementation challenge; getting clinicians to adopt new technologies.

Hay will also discuss the digital hospital of the future, and global trends. Also looking ahead will be Don Woodlock, vice president of strategic planning, InterSystems, who will outline its product roadmap and some of the big projects that InterSystems is engaged in globally.

Delegates who want to find out more about InterSystems technology will also be able to see its information sharing solutions in action, and to discuss how to build trust by protecting information with company experts.

Plus, in the afternoon, they will be able to explore real-world examples of information sharing and transforming care for children in more depth. In the information sharing stream, Mike Green, the chief clinical information officer of South Devon and Torbay NHS Foundation Trust, will explain how it is using InterSystems HealthShare to get information flowing across the local health and care economy.

In the same stream, Yossi Cohen, physician executive at InterSystems, will explore 'patient power' and how putting information into the hands of patients changes their relationship with clinicians, while his colleague physician executive Iain Mackenzie will explore the relationship between culture, technology and patient safety.

Mike Palmer said: "Joined-Up Health & Care is always a fantastic opportunity for professionals involved in healthcare IT to meet their peers and industry experts.

"As the NHS reaches its 70th anniversary, and InterSystems celebrates its own milestone, we look forward to welcoming old friends and new faces to The Belfry to discuss everything from the future of health and IT to the practicalities of delivering crucial projects on the ground."

About Joined-Up Health & Care: The annual Joined-Up Health & Care conference takes place at The Belfry, Sutton Coldfield, on 26 June 2018. The main event starts at 8.45 on 26 June, but there is a pre-conference welcome reception the evening before, on 25 June. Full details of the event, the programme, and how to register are available on the InterSystems JUHC website: <https://www3.intersystems.com/juhc2018/agenda>

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