

# NEP AND GHX PARTNERSHIP DELIVERS TRANSFORMATIVE NHS CATALOGUE SOLUTION

NEP, along with our new partners GHX, have successfully implemented and rolled out a new catalogue solution across the NEP Consortium. This strategic partnership has resulted in a transformative solution that is now live and accessible across the NEP Consortium, serving thousands of users.

The launch of the new catalogue solution marks a pivotal moment in the consortium's ongoing efforts to optimise day to day operations and improve the overall efficiency of procurement processes for our member organisations. By introducing a centralised platform that integrates seamlessly with existing systems, NEP and GHX have not only enhanced the user experience but have also set a new standard for managing suppliers and sourcing healthcare supplies.

The catalyst for this transformative partnership was the expiry of NEP's existing catalogue contract. Recognising the need for a solution that not only met but exceeded the evolving demands of healthcare procurement, NEP embarked on an extensive tender process which included comprehensive market analysis and testing. This meticulous approach ensured that the chosen solution would not only address current needs but also future-proof NEP's procurement infrastructure for its consortium members.

With a tight implementation timeline, the support provided by both the GHX commercial, and systems teams proved invaluable. Drawing on the collective expertise of both organisations, the technical implementation and development of instances were executed swiftly and seamlessly. The collaborative effort between the NEP team and GHX's technical experts laid a solid foundation for the journey ahead.



Training emerged as a key part of the transition process, with NEP leaving no stone unturned in ensuring that its staff and consortium organisations were equipped to harness the full potential of the new solution. Feedback provided by NEP Consortium organisations signifies the effectiveness of the training delivered, highlighting its role in driving user adoption and confidence.

The transfer of data posed its own set of challenges, however, with GHX's unwavering support, obstacles were swiftly overcome. Early access for system users provided assurance that data migration had been executed flawlessly, setting the stage for a seamless transition. **"This rollout is a major milestone for the NEP Consortium and our members,"** added Rob Elselder, Programme Manager NEP. **"By partnering with GHX, we have been able to offer our members a sophisticated, scalable solution that helps them manage their supply chains more effectively and efficiently."**

As existing NEP Consortium organisations migrated to the new solution, minimal disruption was experienced, and users were back to business-as-usual overnight. While some minor issues surfaced, the availability of ongoing technical support post go live provided the assurance needed to maintain continuity of service.

**"It's great to have a catalogue solution which allows a variety of ways to add and manage catalogue data quickly and easily, directly within the system. Being able to access standardised supplier information through the GHX supplier repository is particularly beneficial."**

**Suzanne Collar**

Procurement Manager, North West Ambulance Service NHS Trust

The partnership between NEP and GHX represents a shift in healthcare procurement. By leveraging technology, collaboration, and expertise, NEP is poised to redefine catalogue solutions within the NHS and beyond. As the healthcare landscape continues to evolve, this partnership stands as a testament to the power of innovation and collaboration in driving meaningful change, enhancing procurement efficiency for the healthcare sector.