

University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire win prize for use of VitalPAC®



University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust has won an ICT Excellence Award for its use of VitalPAC.

Trust representatives were presented with the prize for best value added project at an awards dinner in November. The trust's entry detailed the many and varied benefits VitalPAC has brought to staff and patients at the Trust since its introduction in early 2008.

Among the impressive achievements reported was that 10 patients a week are avoiding admission to ITU thanks to the improved monitoring and intervention brought about by VitalPAC. Those patients who do have to be admitted to the unit now have a significantly reduced length of stay – around 30 per cent less than before the system's introduction.

Also reported were significant savings of nursing time. By making it quicker to take observations, it is estimated that VitalPAC has to date released almost 20,000 nursing hours.

The ICT Excellence awards – organised by the West Midlands ICT Cluster and now in their sixth year – are designed to showcase the region's IT industry and recognise innovation.