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Adastra is the preferred choice with London GP-led health centres

Leading IT Supplier of Unscheduled and Urgent Care Solutions, Adastra Software Ltd, is pleased to announce that a further four first-wave GP Led Health Centres in London – The Barkentine, Gracefield Gardens, Lister Health Centre and Cator Medical Centre - have all chosen Adastra's patient management system for unplanned care to run alongside GP surgery system EMIS.

Mike Gould, Lead Nurse, Tower Hamlets PCT – who runs Whitechapel Walk-in Centre and The Barkentine GP Led Health Centre on The Isle of Dogs said, *"Adastra helps us run the Walk-in Centre efficiently in a number of ways. It allows for multiple service lines to run from one system and it gives us the full patient-flow at any given point in time. We get reliable prescription tracking and easy access reporting for performance which is a real bonus."*

Adastra is working closely with LPfIT (London Programme for IT) and key suppliers to improve the flow of information between systems in support of patient journeys, and has designed its solutions specifically for urgent and unscheduled care services.

Lord Darzi's recommendation that healthcare in this country should be open to all people living, working and visiting a given area - 365 days a year – is becoming a reality and this new way of working brings with it far higher levels of unscheduled and urgent care episodes presenting themselves at health centres than ever before.

In this first wave, which represents a significant step forward in realising Lord Darzi's NHS vision, the new London Healthcare and Wellbeing centres are offering a wider range of patient services as well as longer opening hours, often between 8am and 8pm Monday to Sunday.

Mary Cooke, Urgent Care Centre Manager, for Bromley PCT, said, *"We chose Adastra because it links our urgent care services both in and out of hours and allows us to report back to the patient's GP in an efficient and timely fashion. We have worked with Adastra for some years and always found the company to be responsive to our needs. The Adastra implementation team looked after us exceptionally well. We gave them*

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just 2 weeks' notice from order date to go live and the software went in without a single hitch. They pulled out all the stops, they are a real pleasure to work with!"

The four new implementations extend Adastra's coverage of London's new Darzi-style Health Centres to six sites. Adastra has already implemented its market leading solution at Waltham Forest's Oliver Road Polyclinic and Bexley North Health Centre earlier in the summer. With further implementations already planned, Adastra is playing a key role in helping NHS London adopt new models for delivery of patient care.

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About Health & Care

Advanced Health & Care is a leading supplier of IT management systems for urgent & unplanned care, homecare, residential care, hospices, mobile information for community carers and back-office management systems for NHS trusts, local authorities and care providers.

Working with partners in the NHS, local government and the private sector, Advanced Health & Care is delivering IT solutions in support of safe, efficient care delivery with integrated management information. Advanced's unique proposition is its range of integrated care solutions offering visibility of information for both the commissioner and care provider.

The Advanced Health & Care suite of products includes: Adastra, iNurse, Crosscare, eFinancials Smart Business Suite, Saturn & StaffPlan.

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