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**The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust and Shropshire Community Health NHS Trust choose ID Medical as Master Vendor for nurse staffing**

*ID Medical’s creditable partnership approach and commitment to delivering ‘better procurement, better value, better care’, has led to its appointment as Master Vendor for two Trusts in the West Midlands.*

ID Medical, the UK’s leading multi-discipline healthcare recruiter, has been selected as Master Vendor for the provision of Nursing & Care Services to The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust (SATH) and Shropshire Community Health NHS Trust.

The contracts, awarded on 28th May 2014, mean ID Medical will take responsibility for managing the Trusts’ agency staffing requirements for Registered Nurses (both general and critical), Theatre Staff, Registered Midwives and Health Care Support Workers, to ensure the continuity of patient-focused care services for the local hospitals and their communities.

Despite the difference between the two Trusts, SATH being a main acute provider, Shropshire Community Health NHS Trust a community-based provider, the primary focus of strengthening and improving the services and maintaining the traditional caring values of the NHS is shared between the two. Both Trusts are guided by the key principles of putting patients first and ensuring they have the right staff, with the right skills, in the right place, at the right time – the principles that ID Medical fully supports.

Deenu Patel, managing director at ID Medical comments, “When partnering with Trusts, the critical factor for us is embedding and integrating into their culture, ensuring their core values are adhered to. In this, ID Medical can improve the Trust’s methodology, calling on its extensive knowledge and experience to deliver to exacting requirements.

“Both Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust and Shropshire Community Health NHS Trust have shown 100% confidence in ID Medical to deliver the Master Vendor model and through this supplier arrangement, the Trusts can successfully streamline agency usage, ensuring patient safety and continuity of care for all patients.

“This way of working means we can continually deliver to the Trusts’ long-term staffing objectives. Our existing partnerships with Hinchingbrooke Health Care NHS Trust, North Bristol NHS Trust and West Middlesex Hospital NHS Trust are testament to this where we have tangibly demonstrated cost savings, with the priority of better procurement, better value and better care at the forefront.

“ID Medical is proud to play its part in shaping the Trusts’ outstanding services for the future by supplying agency nurses who will provide high quality care for the patients across Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin.”

Andy Matthews, Divisional Manager for Community Hospitals and Outpatients at Shropshire Community Health NHS Trust, said: “This contract will help us better manage our use of agency staff, and give us the reassurance that we are getting the right quality of healthcare professional when we need that additional support for our services.”

Victoria Maher, Workforce Director at The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust added, “The most important thing for us is to ensure that agency staff working on our wards and in-patient services have the same values as our own staff, as well as being appropriately skilled and properly trained, so that our patients receive the best possible care.  We believe that this partnership arrangement will support that.  It is also a bonus that the contract will save money on our agency bill, so we are very pleased to be working with ID Medical.”

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**About The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust**

The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust, the main provider of acute hospital care, provides services from eight sites, serving over half a million people from Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin and mid Wales.

**About Shropshire Community Health NHS Trust**

Shropshire Community Health NHS Trust provides a range of community-based health services for adults and children in Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin and surrounding areas. The Trust was formed on 1 July 2011 following the merger of the provider arms of Shropshire County Primary Care Trust and Telford and Wrekin Primary Care Trust.

**About HealthTrust Europe**

HealthTrust Europe represents over 40 NHS Trusts across England and is a leading procurement partner to the NHS.

**About ID Medical**

Award-winning, multi-discipline healthcare recruiter ID Medical was formed in 2002 and is a superior quality supplier of locum doctors, nurses, allied health professionals and clerical staff, holding preferred supplier contracts with over 90% of NHS hospitals and private medical sector organisations.

From its headquarters in Milton Keynes as well as its Central London office, ID Medical provides practical, cost-effective and **innovative workforce solutions**, supplying over 3 million hours to the NHS per annum. Within each of its professional divisions, ID Medical has dedicated client and candidate teams covering the multitude of medical specialties and roles to ensure every valued customer receives its premier level service, ultimately ensuring patients are always put first.

ID Medical wholly embraces the 6 key values and behaviours of the NHS - Care, Compassion, Courage, Communication, Commitment and Competence which represent care at its very best, and promotes these across its multi-discipline candidate staffing groups.

Since its foundation, the company has earned itself industry-wide accreditation and success with an amounting collection of accolades. These include the Recruiter FAST 50, Investec Hot 100, Recruitment International Top 250 and The Sunday Times Virgin Fast Track 100. Most notably, through an abiding focus on employee satisfaction, ID Medical was crowned Recruitment International’s ‘Best Recruitment Company to Work for 2013’ and made its debut in The Sunday Times Best Companies to Work for 2014 at list position 33.

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