

North West Surrey Clinical Commissioning Group deploy Smartway2®.



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North West Surrey Clinical Commissioning Group deploys a Smartway2® optimise booking of essential meeting resources.

Smartway2 Ltd - the leading developer of cloud-based resource scheduling solutions, today announced that North West Surrey Clinical Commissioning Group (NWS CCG) has deployed Smartway2 to simplify the process for pre-booking of meeting rooms, meeting resources and hot desks at its new location based in Weybridge, Surrey. Home to a team of 87 staff, they can now use Smartway2 to book any one of six meeting rooms, eight hot desks and other meeting resources easily and conveniently using either interactive touch screens mounted outside the meeting rooms, via the staff members' mobile devices, or through the centrally managed Smartway2 calendar scheduling system.

Smartway2 drives new levels of efficiency and time saving as it allows staff to check the current and future availability of resources in real-time and book them quickly and easily. With bookings confirmed in real time, staff do not have to waste time rechecking a booking, nor can a room be accidentally double booked – a source of many disputes within both public and private sector organisations. The solution has also been applied to essential meeting resources – like projectors and screens – which makes it easier to account for expensive equipment, as it has to be both checked in and then out by the person who booked it.

Having presented a business case for a cloud-based resource booking solution, NWS CCG considered two solutions. One that was already in use at another NHS department was dismissed as being too expensive, and laden with features that NWS CCG did not require or have an immediate or future use for. Not only was Smartway2 a more cost effective alternative – an important consideration for the NHS as it looks to reduce costs and drive efficiency – but its intuitive interface, flexible licensing, easy integration and scalability suited the needs of the NWS CCG.

With the visibility Smartway2 provides into available resources, NWS CCG is enjoying another benefit; it no longer has to schedule meetings at NHS sites dotted about Weybridge, reducing travelling time, environmental impact and inconvenience for meeting attendees. For added convenience a Visual Display system mounted in reception shows staff and visitors in which rooms meetings are taking place, helping them to quickly identify where in the building they need to head toward.



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Commenting on the deployment of Smartway2, Elaine Stevens, Head of Corporate Services and Risk at North West Surrey Clinical Commissioning Group, said: "Smartway2 has had a transformative and positive effect on how we book essential resources and has given us full control over them. The efficiency and peace of mind it delivers has rippled through the organisation, helping us to be more organised, which has had a positive effect on our overall productivity and efficiency."

The Smartway2 solution has been developed to set a new standard for resource booking solutions. Unlike other or older solutions, Smartway2 brings this concept right up-to-date by being developed around how people work today and the tools and applications they already use daily. They can check the availability of a meeting room or a desk and pre-book them in advance, from a device of their choice, adding extra value and increased functionality to the conventional resource scheduling process.

Smartway2's Enhanced Scheduler is designed to operate on any device with a web browser. It provides administrators with a clear calendar view of all booked and available resources across their entire organisation. Furthermore, Smartway2 is fully integrated with Microsoft Outlook via Microsoft Apps for Office and today's essential Google applications, including maps and language translation functionality. The room and desk panels take advantage of the latest in sophisticated technology, with a range of check-in options available including user password authentication, NFC Tags or QR code scans, iBeacon and even facial recognition.

Available via a SaaS subscription model, it brings major benefits to any organisation looking to improve resource utilisation whilst significantly reducing their real estate costs, energy consumption and carbon footprint.

Smartway2 Ltd supports its customers through a highly qualified Professional Service team. It offers private and public sector organisations a wide range of services from system design, the definition of operational procedures and workflows, installation and upgrades, screen and database configuration, data migration, custom application development, custom interfaces, report writing and user interface customisation.

Smartway2 is available for a free-trial. Customers interested in trialling the solution or learning more about the benefits of Smartway2, should contact Smartway2 Ltd.

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About Smartway2:

Smartway2 has been created by Martin Hiles and Nigel Reading who founded BusinessSolve Ltd, the hugely successful Workspace Manager scheduling solution. Smartway2 can be installed and working within minutes and is available for FREE evaluation on your chosen platform.