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Hereford and Worcester Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening Programme is happy to take delivery of four Esaote MyLab<sup>™</sup>Alpha portable ultrasound machines.

The NHS Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening Programme aims to reduce premature deaths from ruptured abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA) through the early detection, appropriate monitoring and treatment of men with AAA detected by screening. Men are invited for screening during the year they turn 65. Screening is delivered in over 60 community based clinics across Herefordshire and Worcestershire in line with national quality standards and protocols.

The test is conducted by screening technicians and involves a simple scan of the abdominal aorta. The widest part of the aorta is measured and a minimum of two images saved per scan. The team chose the MyLab<sup>™</sup>Alpha machine because it is simple to use, easily transportable and produces high quality images. Cathy Schorah, Programme Manager, said "It is vital that we provide a safe and accurate service now and into the future. My team and I have been impressed by the help that Phil Mitchell and the team at Esaote have given us in providing and setting up these new systems to suit our requirements."

