

PRESS RELEASE

Gloucestershire Care Services NHS Trust Podiatry and MSKCAT departments have purchased two Esaote MyLabTMAlpha portable ultrasound systems to take out into the community in a move to bring care closer to their patients. This is part of their plan around removing barriers to patient care and to make patient assessment and treatment process shorter and reduce costs.

Lawrence Bevan, Extended Scope Practitioner and Podiatrist, said: "Since we have had the Esaote MyLabTMAlpha our workload reference parameters for imaging have fallen dramatically. We have been taking imaging to 3 community sites - Dilke, Lydney and St Pauls - and are hoping to increase this to 8 sites by the end of the year. This saves the patients time and money in travel to hospital sites and enables the time from initial consultation to treatment to be reduced as the lead time for an ultrasound in the hospital is bypassed."

He added: "It's brilliant because you can make your decision far more quickly. We are scanning foot and ankle pathology diagnosis - tendon, neuroma, bursa, ganglions, joint pathology and in the first 2 weeks 30 patients a week benefitted from one of the portable units".

Lawrence, trained on one of the Esaote systems and highly recommended by Budgie Hussain who also uses Esaote ultrasound systems, goes on to say: "The portability and image quality were extremely important in the decision process and the Esaote MyLabTMAlpha scored highly on both points. We could not

accept anything heavier, from other manufacturers, as the system is often moved and carried around."

The Esaote MyLabTMAlpha has been designed to deliver top performance and high dynamism in a very reduced size and weight: it can be carried in a backpack, transported in a wheeled suitcase or installed on a trolley for innovative ready-to-go solutions.

