

Virtualstock and Pagero sign a new partnership to support a digitally connected NHS

This partnership is the first interoperable agreement to be achieved in the UK between an eCatalogue solution and PEPPOL access point provider.

Simply put, this interoperability means information can be transferred to the people who need it, when they need it, in a form and to standards they expect, regardless of the technology system provider. This results in greater connectivity and simplification across networks, and more accurate efficient working practices. As such it is fundamental to unlocking the potential of a truly technologically driven NHS.

Pagero is an interoperable cloud-based platform that transports business documents (Purchase Orders, Invoices, etc) across the PEPPOL (pan-European public procurement online) network. PEPPOL's business interoperability specifications mean all documents are of a set standard and form.

Virtualstock's the Edge4Health™ platform is an online market place where NHS trusts and suppliers can conduct seamless transactions, through their PIM(product information management)2Pay 'Perfect Order' solution.

Together this partnership means that NHS trusts and suppliers will benefit from fast and efficient transfer of documents, to a standard they can trust to be both accurate and compliant. This will improve the efficacy and efficiency of orders, making savings on both sides, and accelerating the take up of The Edge4 Health and Pagero PEPPOL services by suppliers across the NHS.

As such, this latest partnership is another step taken by Virtualstock and Pagero towards helping to drive operational efficiency and cost savings across the NHS.

Our partnership with Pagero is part of our on-going commitment to interoperability in the NHS. While other technology providers in the health system have been reluctant to open their network to interoperability, Virtualstock and Pagero are committed to an inclusive approach, joining up their services to the wider healthcare tech community. Building partnerships with outstanding technology companies like Pagero is also a key part of our growth strategy in the health sector.

Tim Ingham –CEO – Virtualstock Limited

It is incumbent on all operators who provide Scan4safety services to the NHS to drive interoperability and partnerships for the benefit of our healthcare community. I am delighted to be embarking on one of the most significant partnerships, which will drastically contribute to simplifying processes for suppliers and driving value to the NHS allowing both our organisations to work together to deliver the component parts of the Department of Health Strategy together

Bengt Nilsson - CEO – Pagero

About Virtualstock Limited

Virtualstock is a fast-growing technology company providing digital solutions which enhance routes to market and supply chains across the retail and healthcare sectors by enabling management and visibility of full order, inventory and product data. The business, established in 2004, works with four of the top five UK online retailers including Tesco, Sainsbury's Argos, John Lewis and Dixons Carphone.

Virtualstock's cloud-based platform, Edge4Health™ has been developed specifically for the healthcare sector and is delivered in partnership with NHS Shared Business Services. It enables healthcare providers to deliver efficiencies via its online catalogue, marketplace and procure-to-pay solution and healthcare suppliers to expand their product range and customer reach.

The platform is GS1 and PEPPOL¹ certified.

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About Pagero

Pagero Group develops and markets Pagero Online, a cloud-based network platform for communication of business documents within the purchase-to-pay, order-to-cash and logistics-to-pay (TMS) processes. Pagero Online is independent of the ERP system and suits companies of all sizes and within all industries.

Our value-added services enable our customers to achieve accurate data and obtain a 100% digital inbound and outbound business document flow, resulting in minimal error handling, compliance with local VAT regulation and control over company spend. Pagero Online is also interconnected with an extensive number of other networks for global reach.

Pagero Group has over 260 employees. It has its headquarter in Gothenburg, Sweden and offices in Stockholm, Oslo, Copenhagen, Helsinki, Waterloo, London, Dublin, Amsterdam, Rome, Madrid, Paris, Istanbul, Dubai, Columbo, Mumbai and Melbourne

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¹ PEPPOL (Pan European Public Procurement On-Line) is a system that provides organisations and its suppliers with a standardised connection for eOrdering, eInvoicing, electronic Credit Notes and Advance Shipping Notifications. This single eProcurement link eradicates the need for several individual connections.