



ASTUTE RECOGNISED FOR DRIVING INNOVATION AT THE EMEA BLACKBERRY ALLIANCE SUMMIT INNOVATION AWARDS

December 3rd 2008 - Cambridge based Astute Mobile Data Solutions, a specialist mobile solution provider, today announced it has won the Inaugural 'Driving Innovation in the Public Sector' award at the EMEA BlackBerry® Alliance Summit 2008, Innovation Awards. The award recognises the successful deployment of Astute's mCare application by Northern Doctors Urgent Care (NDUC) whose doctors use the application to access real-time patient information on their BlackBerry® smartphones.

The mCare application was designed and implemented for NDUC, a leading UK organisation for large-scale unscheduled patient care provision. It provides out-of-hours doctors with access to secure, real time data and patient details whilst they are on the move. The solution also allows doctors to receive patient details for their next patient visit and send consultation details back to the control centre.

mCare utilises data from NDUC's own Microsoft SQL database clinical system where previously verbal details or limited data was being sent without the security benefits of the underpinning BlackBerry mobile data platform.

Simon Poole, Managing Director of Astute, said: "We are elated to receive such a prestigious award. We have been a BlackBerry Alliance partner for just 5 months and we are bursting with passionate ideas and are keen to drive further innovation on the BlackBerry platform. The judges were looking for a pioneering application that enables mobile workers to become more efficient at their jobs and this is exactly what our product does."

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When the Northern Doctors control centre receives a patient call, the centre enters current patient details; a triage doctor then assesses the urgency and sends relevant cases, including previous patient contact to the mobile doctor.

The Doctor can either work directly from their BlackBerry smartphone or print the job on a handheld Bluetooth printer. Vital information can then be recorded including patient condition, the clinical outcomes, and any prescribed medication.

The call is temporarily stored in the mCare application, whilst the application allows the clinician to work with the patient without the issue of mobile network signal loss in certain areas. This data is then securely sent back to the Control Centre, thanks to the end-to-end encryption offered by the BlackBerry solution.

Dan Burrows, NDUC IT and Telecommunications manager said: "It was vital to NDUC that the solution we implemented was secure, cost effective and saved time. Astute not only presented us with a solution, but they worked closely with us in developing it with our specific requirements in mind, combining access to clinical records with other value-added functionality. Astute and NDUC have formed a strong partnership for the foreseeable future."

Paul McCormick, Technical Development Director at Astute said. "--The BlackBerry platform facilitates the carriage of sensitive data in a robust and secure end--to-end solution. Our aim now is to further develop technical solutions for organisations, wishing to drive efficiencies, extending their businesses into quality mobile solutions."

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