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### **University of Warwick helps support latest digital healthcare initiative**

The University of Warwick has joined forces with NHS West Midlands to create the Institute of Digital Healthcare, a collaboration aimed at improving people's health through the use of technologies.

The UK-based Institute of Digital Healthcare is a five-year programme based in the new International Digital Laboratory, and includes as founding partners Warwick Manufacturing Group, Warwick Medical School and NHS West Midlands. By working with both private and public sector organisations, the institute will aim to deliver real and lasting benefits to patients and the public through the application of digital products applicable to a wide range of healthcare areas.

Specifically, the Institute is tackling a number of healthcare issues, including the use of monitoring and communication devices to support people in their own homes, and improving the communication within and between health and social care teams.

Pilot studies have been conducted and the research team are now in a position to design and carry out large scale trials to address key generic questions about how health systems should use these technologies to improve the quality, efficiency and safety of their services for people with long term conditions.