

## Ordnance Survey Mapping Now Available to the NHS in England

More than 600 NHS organisations are to have direct access to Ordnance Survey's most detailed geographic information under a ground-breaking pilot agreement.

The agreement covers the use of Ordnance Survey data by NHS organisations in England, including Acute, Care, and Mental Health Trusts, Primary Care Trusts, Strategic Health Authorities and Cancer Registries.

Ordnance Survey is working with the NHS Health and Social Care Information Centre to support the wider health sector through greater use of Ordnance Survey data. As you may already know, geographic intelligence helps to power effective and confident health planning and implementation of strategy.

Among the many vital applications of geographical information systems (GIS) in the health sector are the identification of health inequalities, causal analysis and trends. These factors can guide strategic decisions on the targeting of services to clinical hot spots, investment priorities, the extension of patient choice and the supply of health advice to the citizen.

Health service managers can also use Ordnance Survey data to support decision making on performance management, estate planning, efficient routing of mobile services, asset management, feasibility studies, scenario modelling, epidemiology analysis, and all forms of internal and external communications.

CDR Group already deal with a number of Trusts in the NHS and it is expected that this deal will open up GIS to many more practitioners through the use of MapInfo Professional software.