

## **Blackrock Clinic signs up to The Edge4Health Ireland Platform**

Virtualstock, a leading provider of digital supply chain solutions, has announced that the Republic of Ireland's prestigious Blackrock Clinic has signed up to its The Edge4Health Ireland platform.

In an announcement that further demonstrates its far-reaching appeal to healthcare providers and suppliers across the UK and beyond, The Edge4Health Ireland Product Information Management system will provide a single system for managing catalogue data across the hospital and will enable Blackrock Clinic to utilise quality, GS1 compliant product data to improve efficiency and patient safety.

The Edge4Health Ireland enables healthcare providers to deliver efficiencies via its online catalogue, marketplace and procure-to-pay solution, while healthcare suppliers benefit by expanding their product range and customer reach.

This new partnership means suppliers on the platform in the UK will also be able to upload their data with confidence to support providers in the Irish market.

In due course, Blackrock Clinic will be asking its suppliers to join the platform - enabling them to manage their own data and showcase their product catalogues easily, with a single catalogue upload.

Virtualstock Co-Founder Ed Bradley said "We are excited to be growing our presence in the Irish market with Blackrock Clinic and providing further access to The Edge for both healthcare providers and suppliers in the Republic of Ireland. This is yet another milestone in our continuing expansion, building on our growth in the UK and enabling us to reach all suppliers to an Irish market that we are incredibly passionate about serving."

Blackrock Clinic's Chief Financial Officer, John Cotter, added: "We are thrilled to be implementing The Edge4Health Ireland. At Blackrock, we are recognised as early adopters of technology that will improve efficiency and safety across all of our services. The platform will provide Blackrock Clinic with a solution that delivers quality product data and will help us collaborate with our suppliers. This will not only improve supply chain processes, but also provide us with the foundation for further digital transformation."

### **About Virtualstock**

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 three of the top five UK online retailers including Sainsbury's, Argos, John Lewis & Partners and Dixons Carphone.

Virtualstock's cloud-based platform, The Edge has been developed specifically for the healthcare sector and 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.

### **About Blackrock Clinic**

Blackrock Clinic is the leading and longest established private hospital and clinic in Ireland. Since it opened in the mid 1980s, the Clinic has consistently built an unparalleled reputation in new high-tech

surgical procedures, medical treatments and ground-breaking diagnostics. This reputation means that some of the best international and national consultants work at Blackrock Clinic.

Patient outcomes at Blackrock Clinic are very positive and outstrip international standards in many instances.

It is the only hospital in Ireland to provide inpatient treatment exclusively in fully private, single rooms. While these modern single rooms provide comfortable accommodation for the patients of Blackrock, they also serve to reduce the risk of hospital acquired infections. This in turn leads to reduced complications and better outcomes.

Blackrock has been recognised for over 18 years by the Joint Commission International (JCI) which accredits only hospitals that raise safety and quality of care standards to the highest levels. It is a progressive and pioneering hospital in which care for the patient is central to everything they do.