

HI-TECH LINKS CUT HOSPITAL WAITING

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IT is an invention that had already gained approval from several hospitals across the country.

And now, the potentially lifesaving work of a Hampshire start-up company has received further backing after being presented to an audience of MPs and Department of Health officials.

Life Stream Healthcare from Winchester and Salisbury has developed a solution to the huge waiting lists within the NHS.

Its live video linking device allows hospital staff to quickly decide a course of treatment for patients suffering with heart conditions.



The technology lets surgeons and cardiologists communicate remotely, sharing images and videos of medical and surgical problems in real time.

The company says patients are admitted for treatment much quicker and estimates NHS waiting lists could be cut by up to a third if the technology was rolled out nationwide.

Steve Brine, Conservative MP for Winchester, said: "I was delighted to be able to host this remarkable local company in the House of Commons and I know that colleagues and officials from the Department of Health were hugely impressed.

"This technology brings exciting times ahead, not only for Life Stream, but for the NHS who I hope will take

advantage of this excellent product."

Life Stream has already been tested around the UK, including at hospitals in areas where there is little Internet signal.

Following its strong reception in Westminster, inventor John Cooper, pictured, is now aiming to get the technology installed permanently.

"In tough economic times, local businesses are forced to work harder to promote their products, but we have a device that will make a real difference to patients with heart conditions," he said.

"The system could also be used for patients suffering with cancer, neurological issues or strokes; it's the future of communication in the NHS. I am very proud to have developed something that will have such a great impact to people's lives."