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Southend University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust has installed two MAMMoMAT Inspiration™ Full Field Digital mammography systems with Stereotactic Biopsy from Siemens Healthcare. The systems will help expand digital imaging capabilities and improve services in line with the Cancer Reform Strategy (CRS). The Inspirations will be used for symptomatic breast examinations and will streamline workflow by offering guidewire insertion and biopsy on the same unit.

The stereotactic biopsy system guides the operator intuitively through the entire procedure. The tube angulation is controlled directly from the workstation and after selecting the target, the needle-holder moves automatically to the right position. This reduces work steps and speeds up the procedure without compromising on diagnostic confidence.

"Having installed two MAMMoMAT Inspiration systems, we now have biopsy capabilities in all rooms, whereas previously this could only be done in one," said Kim Baird, Superintendent Radiographer at Southend University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust.

The systems are fully integrated to the PACS, ensuring that all digital images can be sent and received from centres outside of the Breast Unit. It is hoped the enhanced connectivity will also improve efficiency by eliminating the time lost retrieving and displaying film-based images.

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