News story: MOD signs £14 million contract for lifesaving medical technology

The Tempus Pro monitors, designed and manufactured by Remote Diagnostic Technologies (RDT), can help facilitate emergency treatment for Royal Navy, British Army, and RAF personnel if they are injured or taken ill on active duty.

The lightweight, robust and portable monitor, which is battery operated, can be used on land, at sea and in the air. It transmits medical data such as blood pressure, pulse and respiratory rate in real time back to medical facilities and treatment teams, giving them a better understanding of a patient's condition ahead of time.

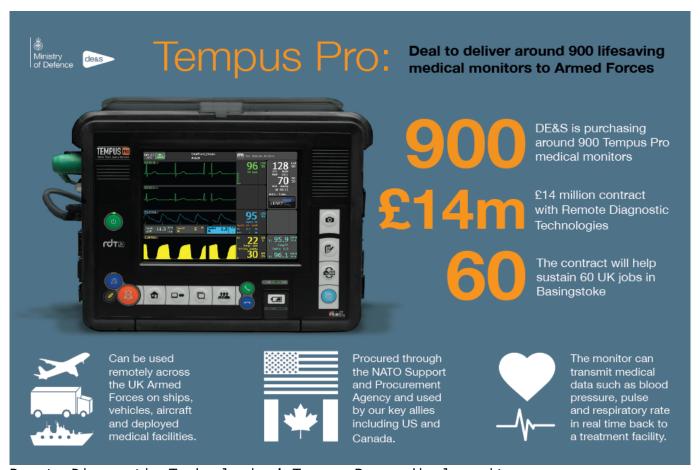


A demonstration of the Tempus Pro medical monitor.

Minister for Defence Procurement, Harriett Baldwin said:

Our Armed Forces serve with incredible commitment and bravery, and the new Tempus Pro monitor will ensure that they will receive the best possible care and treatment should they be wounded or taken ill on operations. Backed by our rising defence budget and our £178 billion equipment plan, our investment in these cutting edge medical monitors demonstrates how we are working with our NATO allies to provide lifesaving equipment to our frontline personnel.

This deal, which will sustain over 60 UK jobs, has already seen 444 monitors delivered to the Armed Forces, with plans for around 900 more to be purchased over the next five years. The contract is part of the MOD's Innovation Initiative, aiming to encourage imagination, ingenuity and entrepreneurship in pursuit of maintaining a military advantage in the future.



Remote Diagnostic Technologies' Tempus Pro medical monitor.

Tempus Pro can be used remotely on medical evacuation vehicles and aircraft, battalion aid stations, hospital ships and field hospitals. It will help to provide consistent and streamlined medical support, meaning the records of all sick and injured Armed Forces personnel can easily move with them as they progress through different levels of care. The monitors are being purchased through the NATO Support and Procurement Agency (NSPA).

Chief Executive Officer of the MOD's Defence Equipment and Support body, Tony Douglas, said:

This state of the art piece of equipment shows how we are delivering proven, world-leading equipment to our Armed Forces. The Tempus Pro monitor is a step forward in innovation and safety,

demonstrating how we are committed to improving the medical care received by those keeping our country safe.

This deal also highlights DE&S' strong, collaborative partnership with industry, benefitting both our Armed Forces and the wider UK economy by sustaining around 60 UK jobs.

This report shows that the Tories are breaking yet another manifesto promise - Angela Rayner

Angela Rayner MP, Labour's Shadow Education Secretary, commenting on an Education Policy Institute (EPI) report into school funding that claims secondary schools could be forced to lose the equivalent of six teachers as a result of severe funding cuts, said:

"Labour supports fairer funding for our schools, but the Government's formula simply moves already inadequate sums of money around — the overall pot is not being increased.

"Even without the proposed formula, schools are already seeing both real-terms cuts to their spending and rising costs on top. Headteachers are being forced to choose between cutting subjects or cutting the school week.

"Less than two years ago the Tories promised millions of parents that they would protect the money that is spent per pupil on their children's education. This report shows that it is yet another manifesto promise they are breaking."

<u>High-end industries drive Beijing's</u> <u>growth</u>

[unable to retrieve full-text content] The added value created in Beijing's industries above designated size from January to February increased by 9.5 percent over the same period last year, mostly driven by the high-tech

manufacturing and modern manufacturing industries with their added value rising by 19.9 percent and 16.5 percent respectively, surpassing the city's average by 10.4 and 7 percentage points.

Beijing police detain man for causing air pollution for first time

[unable to retrieve full-text content] Beijing police have detained a man on Mar. 13 for discharging untreated emissions into the air. It is the first time that Beijing police have put someone behind bars since an air pollution crackdown was launched in February.

<u>Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region to build</u> <u>world-class airport cluster</u>

[unable to retrieve full-text content] Beijing, Tianjin and Shijiazhuang will join hands to build a world-class airport cluster. There will be about 260 airports across China in 2020 when the new airports in Beijing and Chengdu and other major projects are constructed and put into operation.