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# University software to curb NHS spending

Software partly developed by The University of Reading could save the NHS £500 million by tackling expenditure on everyday supplies.

SpendInsight technology was developed by three Knowledge Transfer Partnership projects: Systems Engineering at Reading, Goldsmiths at the University of London and electronic marketplace provider [@UK plc](http://www.ukplc.com).

The system will enable NHS trusts to re-order basic supplies based on analysis of what they already use, highlighting areas of overspending and opportunities for making significant savings.

A National Audit Office report showed NHS trusts could save £500 million per year.

Dr Richard Mitchell, of the School of Systems Engineering at The University of Reading, said: "Our school has an outstanding record in Knowledge Transfer Partnerships over 20 years, but this particular three-year project is perhaps the most significant in terms of impact.

"The University of Reading was responsible for two of the three parts of the overall project and led to PhD degrees for Reading students Paul Roberts and Matt Brown.

"Although SpendInsight has been used to highlight potentially huge savings in the NHS, it can be used in national and local government, education and beyond."

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