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**INTRODUCING THE NEW GMDN STRATEGY 2026–2030
A CLEAR PATH FORWARD FOR GLOBAL HARMONISATION**

We are pleased to share the GMDN Agency’s new Strategy for 2026–2030.

A clear and focused plan for how we will continue to support global harmonisation, patient safety and data interoperability in an increasingly complex MedTech landscape.

As innovation accelerates and regulatory systems become more interconnected, the need for a trusted, independent and globally harmonised medical device nomenclature has never been greater. GMDN already supports regulators, manufacturers and healthcare systems in over 140 countries – and this strategy sets out how we will strengthen that role over the next five years.

Our priorities are clear:

- Strengthening GMDN’s global leadership
- Deepening collaboration with international regulators and standards bodies
 - Investing in our data platform, technology and people
- Supporting interoperability across regulatory, supply chain and healthcare systems

As a global non-profit, UK-registered charity, our mission remains unchanged: protecting patients by providing a single, common language for medical devices worldwide.

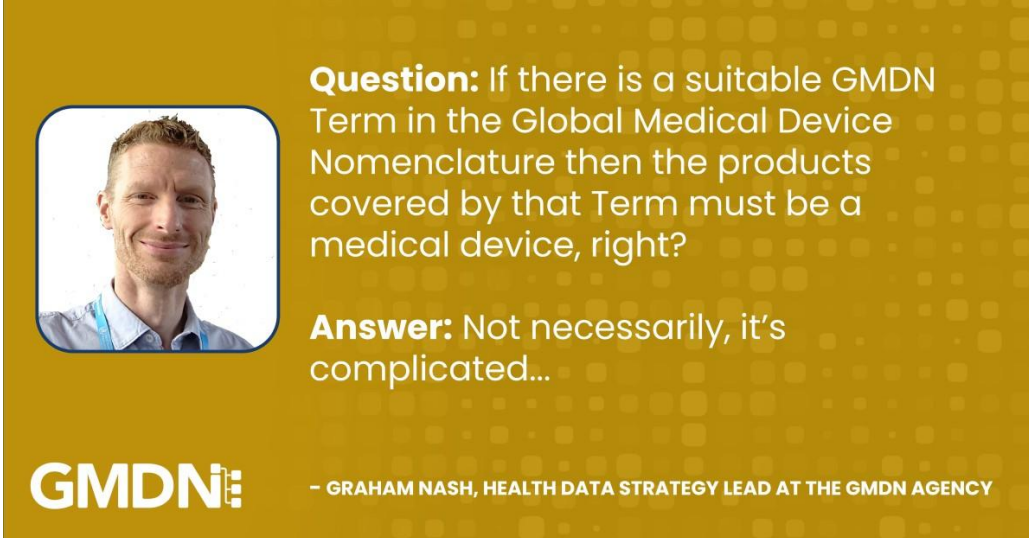
 Read our full strategy [here](#).

WHEN IS A MEDICAL DEVICE NOT A MEDICAL DEVICE?

The answer isn't as straightforward as you might think.

In this new GMDN article by Graham Nash, Health Data Strategy Lead at the GMDN Agency, he explores how intended purpose, manufacturer claims and jurisdictional interpretation can all change a product's regulatory status.

🔗 Read the full article [here](#).



Question: If there is a suitable GMDN Term in the Global Medical Device Nomenclature then the products covered by that Term must be a medical device, right?

Answer: Not necessarily, it's complicated...

GMDN - GRAHAM NASH, HEALTH DATA STRATEGY LEAD AT THE GMDN AGENCY

GMDN AGENCY MEET WITH CLINICAL ENGINEERS FROM GUY'S & ST THOMAS' NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

🔍 Supporting better medical device data in real-world clinical settings

Recently, colleagues from the GMDN Agency met with Clinical Engineers and Clinical Scientific Computing teams from Guy's & St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust in London to explore how consistent, unambiguous medical device identification can support data interoperability and effective equipment management.

The discussion focused on real-world use of the GMDN in clinical environments, showcasing how the nomenclature is being embedded into transformation initiatives, research, and health technology management to strengthen data quality and operational insight.

The meeting also highlighted opportunities for ongoing collaboration, reinforcing the importance of medical device identification as a foundation for safer, more connected healthcare systems.

🔗 Read the full story [here](#).

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