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Simpl, Healthphone join Microsoft scheme

Microsoft has signed up two New Zealand health IT companies, Simpl and Healthphone, as global partners to support its worldwide Connected Health Framework. The scheme is intended to encourage the development of connected healthcare software. When Microsoft launched its .Net software platform six years ago, unified health-oriented applications featured strongly in its demonstrations, but progress towards actually making everyone's health records available everywhere all the time has been less less rapid than we might have hoped. New Zealand companies have worked hard towards such goals, though, and Simpl and Healthphone should both benefit greatly from the international exposure Microsoft's collaboration will bring. Simpl's Health Connection Engine has been selected by Microsoft as a preferred healthcare solution for community and long-term care. Similarly, Healthphone's integrated patient management application will be promoted globally as a preferred healthcare solution for community and long-term care.