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Zaiio Launches Al-Powered Women's Symptom Checker App at Web Summit Lisbon 2025

London-based startup Zaiio unveils Al-powered app to speed up women's healthcare, reduce appointment delays, and cut medical plastic waste — while opening a new medical graduate role to expand across the UK and EU.

LONDON, UK – November 10, 2025 — At Web Summit Lisbon 2025, Zaiio, a London-based women's health technology startup, announces the launch of its Al-powered smart symptom checker app designed to help women assess and manage common conditions such as urinary tract infections (UTIs), bacterial vaginosis (BV), and vaginal thrush while reducing healthcare delays and plastic pollution.

For over **1.9 billion women of reproductive age** globally, accessing fast, reliable care for these conditions remains a challenge. Zaiio's new app delivers **instant, evidence-based symptom guidance**, helping reduce long GP waiting times while cutting single-use plastic waste from preventable examinations.

According to the **UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA)**, the NHS spent £604 million in 2024 treating UTIs in hospitals, mostly in women patients — a major healthcare burden often worsened by delayed diagnosis. In the EU, the European Association of Urology (EAU) reported 1 in 3 people unaware of UTI prevention or treatment. By offering early digital self-assessment, Zaiio aims to reduce clinic visits, speed up care access, and lower the healthcare system strain.

The Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP) reports that 81.4% of GP appointments in England occur within two weeks, yet many women still experience treatment delays. Zaiio gives users reliable answers in minutes — with direct access to self-tests, telehealth services, and tailored self-care solutions among key app features.

Beyond accessibility, **Zaiio** brings focus on **sustainable femtech**. Intimate health exams often require single-use **plastic speculums**, which are entering **landfill via incineration each year**. Zaiio's smart self-check triage system could prevent **millions of disposable devices** from entering medical waste streams annually and reduce healthcare's environmental footprint.

Zaiio Opens Hiring for EU Medical Graduate

Zaiio is hiring a **Portugal- or EU-based medical graduate** to support clinical validation, localisation, and rollout across Europe. The new hire will strengthen medical research and partnerships ahead of the app's planned launch on the **App Store and Google Play by late 2025**.

"Women everywhere face delays for care that could be managed in minutes," said **Elena Sikorsky**, Founder and CEO of **Zaiio**. "Our mission is to fast-track women's access to reliable, evidence-based healthcare — while reducing waste and empowering women with data and time."

About the Founder

Elena Sikorsky is a London-based **founder** and **Code First Girls by Entrepreneur First alumna**, recognised among the **Top 10 Women in IT Awards UK**. Drawing on her personal experience of long GP delays and passion for sustainability, she founded **Zaiio** to bridge the healthcare accessibility gap for women through ethical AI and evidence-based innovation.

About Zaiio

Zaiio is a UK-based health technology company using artificial intelligence and verified medical data to empower women with fast, reliable, and evidence-based guidance for common health conditions such as **UTIs**, **BV**, and **thrush**. The platform connects users to telehealth, trusted products, and self-care solutions — reducing healthcare costs, delays, and environmental waste.

Press visuals and media kit: Zaiio App Images & Founder Photos

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Notes to Editors:

- Zaiio will debut its Al-powered women's healthtech app at Web Summit Lisbon 2025.
- Founder interviews available on request.
- Embargo lifted October 17, 2025.
- High-resolution visuals available upon request.