

**MEETING:** Trust Board – 17 September 2008

**TITLE:** Information Management & Technology (IM&T) Strategy 2008-13

**SUMMARY:**

The attached paper (separately bound) describes a five year Information Management & Technology (IM&T) Strategy 2008-13 for the Whittington Hospital NHS Trust.

The purpose of the IM&T Strategy is to describe how investment in IM&T will support the achievement of the Trusts corporate objectives, including the delivery of significant improvements in patient safety, quality of patient care and hospital efficiency.

The IM&T Strategy document is structured into 3 sections :-

**1. Where are we now ?**

This section benchmarks the development of IM&T services since 2000, and concludes that the Trust is well advanced, in comparison to other NHS Trusts, with the maturity of the IT infrastructure and the development of the Electronic Patient Record (EPR).

Consequently, the Trust is now in a good position to build on its IM&T capacity and capability and take advantage of new technologies to deliver the IM&T strategic vision set out in section 2.

**2. Where are we trying to get to ?**

This section describes the IM&T strategic vision for 2008-13, which is encapsulated in the statement below :-

**“the development of a first class IM&T service to provide the right information, to the right people, to the right place, at the right time”**

This section also introduces the concept of “digital hospital” and how its component parts, including the on-going development of the Electronic Patient Record (EPR), can significantly improve patient safety and hospital efficiency

**3. How do we get there ?**

This section describes what programmes of action and funding are required to progress from the current IM&T status described in section 1 to the vision described in section 2.

To implement the vision set out in IM&T Strategy 2008-13, it is estimated **£7.2m** capital funding is required.

The Trust Board has previously approved **£3.4m** capital funding for an agreed list of IM&T investment priorities for 2008-13, as part of the Trusts 5 year capital programme. This £3.4m IM&T capital allocation is reflected in the Long Term Financial Model (LTFM) and the Integrated Business Plan (IBP).

It is proposed that the estimated capital funding gap of **£3.8m** is addressed through a combination of ; cost\benefit analysis review of the Trusts overall 5 year capital investment priorities to ensure maximum value for money ; development of business case bids for additional funding as opportunities arise ; and slippage in the delivery of the IM&T Strategy.

### Actions

The Trust Board are asked to :-

1. note the relatively advanced status of the IM&T service and its current capability to support the Trust achieve its corporate objectives
2. note and approve the strategic vision for the development of the digital hospital and the electronic patient record
3. note and approve the previously agreed IM&T capital funding of £3.4m over 5 years, and the proposed approach to address the current funding shortfall of £3.8m.

**ACTION:** For discussion and approval

**REPORT FROM:** Glenn Winteringham, IM&T Consultant

**SPONSORED BY:** David Sloman, CEO

<b>Financial Validation</b>	Richard Martin
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Lead: Director of Finance

<b>Compliance with statute, directions, policy, guidance</b>	N/A
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Lead: All directors

<b>Compliance with Healthcare Commission Core/Developmental Standards</b>	<b>Reference:</b>
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Lead: Director of Nursing & Clinical Development

N/A

<b>Compliance with Auditors' Local Evaluation standards (ALE)</b>	<b>Reference:</b>
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Lead: Director of Finance

N/A

<b>Compliance with requirements of FT application and monitoring regime</b>	<b>Reference:</b>
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Lead Director of Strategy & Performance

IM&T Strategy required as part of Foundation Trust application