

Capital Progress Report – January 2012

1.0 INTRODUCTION

This paper represents capital expenditure to the 31st December 2011.

2.0 Planned Investments 2011/12

The opening capital control total for 2011-12 was £11,442,504, comprising retained depreciation and committed expenditure from 2010-11. As previously reported the capital control total was revised downwards due to the complexities in the development of some projects. This change has been reported to Monitor. The expenditure profile has been reduced by 2m - the projects being transferred into next year's capital programme. The revised capital expenditure profile now reflects a more realistic position in that the revised actual expenditure is £ 5.31m against a plan of £ 6.53m. The underspend is fully understood and may involve a further transfer of some projects into next year.

3.0 Key Areas of Investment

3.1 Medical Equipment

The cash position for medical equipment is behind the start of year forecast. However, this is not a particular cause for concern as the Business Groups are addressing the majority of outstanding orders promptly.

Progress has continued to be made with several significant orders placed in recent weeks. These include monitoring equipment for Delivery Suite, Neo-natal and Children's ED, as well as blood bank refrigerators and a consultant's microscope for Pathology.

We are advised that certain elements of the planned purchase are no longer required due to changes in circumstance/service provision. This means we currently hold a positive contingency allocation of £144,000, having already allocated £110,000 of the overall contingency monies on the purchase on unforeseen equipment replacements. There are demands now being incurred as part of the relocation of the Coronary Care Unit to A3 ward and the replacement of the telemetry systems and the provision of additional monitors

3.2 IM & T Investments

A total of £800K of IM&T capital has been committed by the end of month 7 with an actual 2011/12 spend of £429K. The major schemes are progressing as follows:

3.2.1. *New wireless infrastructure* - All planned work is progressing well in line with the strategic plan

3.2.2 - *ePMA – e prescribing & drugs administration project* - The ePMA project has commenced with the 1st Project Board in October. Extensive work has been undertaken during the summer looking at current prescribing and medicine administration processes using interviews and data collection by nurses and pharmacists on the pilot wards B4 and E2. This information has been collated to enable a clear comparison of the impact of the implementation the ePMA system. Work has now commenced on the system build, planning for end user training and trialling electronic drugs trolleys. Current planned go live on the two pilot wards is February/March 2012

3.2.3 - E record – centralised health records dept/ scanned health record

Centralised health record department

The business case for the centralised health records is nearing completion, currently seeking final approval before presentation to the Board. The build work is to commence in mid-January with completion expected in May 2012.

E record – scan on demand

Work is still nearing completion on the e record business case with the final focus on the detailed financial modelling and appraisal. The planned submission date for Executive Team consideration is December 2011. In line with the planned full transfer of the health records library into the laundry, the e record ‘scan on demand’ project would commence in May 2012.

3.3. Statutory & Mandatory – Fire Separation

All priority 1 fire risks previously reported are now complete. The remaining work has been commissioned through the new measured term contractor with work progressing well. All work is planned for completion by the end of March 2012. A review of risk assessments is ongoing to reflect the investment. Equally further changes are expected to be needed as a consequence of new Department of Health requirements around mass evacuation of buildings. Any further work will be prioritised for the financial year in 2012/13.

3.4 FIRST IMPRESSIONS

We continue with the objective of the ‘First Impressions’ initiative to provide a resource to improve the existing environment for patients, visitors and staff. Designated Estates staff proactively identifies areas that require improvement by undertaking surveys, establishing a list of priorities with budget costs and providing a plan for the execution the works.

A summary of the expenditure plan is detailed in the table below which indicates a projected overspend of circa £25k against the budget at this stage. It should be noted that work naturally slows down in ward areas between November and March each year as the wards are often full leaving little opportunity to decant areas to allow work to be completed. The plans for next year are being developed with an intention to start in early May 2012 – details of which will be presented in next year’s capital programme.

3.5 Lighting Replacement Scheme

As part of the Trusts commitment to reduce energy consumption across the site a scheme to replace all the aged and inefficient light fittings and introduce additional automatic controls has been undertaken. Consultants NPS of Stockport have been appointed to survey the existing installation and submit schedules of light fittings for replacement. Progress to date includes:

Replacement schemes completed to date include:

▪ Upper Deck Elm House Car Park	£6k
▪ Car Park Lower Decks with new controls	£15k
▪ Ward E1	£20k
▪ Ward E2	£20k

Replacement schemes scheduled for commencement in December:

▪ Main Corridors	£85k
▪ Women’s Unit	£55k
▪ Pathology Laboratory	£22k

The areas above were identified as high usage providing maximum efficiencies and were therefore undertaken first. Other areas have been identified and tender documents are currently being prepared.

3.6 RADIOLOGY CENTRALISATION – PHASE 2

The turnkey contractor is currently refurbishing the last of the five rooms, with delivery of the new digital equipment programmed for Tuesday 29th November, and completion of the installation anticipated on 9th December.

The refurbishment of the existing reception and waiting area is being reviewed in line with the discussions around the need to build into the courtyard as part of the phase 3 project.

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