

TO: Gloucestershire Partnership NHS Trust Board

FROM: Sandra Betney, Director of Finance

DATE: 8th May 2006

SUBJECT: REVIEW OF IT

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The purpose of this review is to inform the board of a compliance review of IT, this review is intended to be similar in nature to that which the Reporting Accountants will carry out in preparation for our FT application to Monitor.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that the Board:

- Notes the report
- Considers the assurance that the evidence collated gives with regard to the IT environment
- Considers whether any further evidence may be required to support the statement of the board in relation to the FT application

3. LINKS TO TRUST OBJECTIVES

3.1 2006/07 objectives have not been formally documented, so this is difficult to assess. However, it does link to our FT Application.

4. STANDARDS FOR BETTER HEALTH

4.1 Periodic reviews of IT links into the SfBH requirement for governance

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None.

6. RISK MANAGEMENT

6.1 None

7. EQUALITY ISSUES

7.1 None

8. CONSULTATION

8.1 None

9. AUDIT/REVIEW

9.1 The evidence will be reviewed by the reporting accountants as part of the Monitor assessment process