

TO: 2gether NHS Foundation Trust Board

FROM: Simon Thompson, Director of Operations

DATE: 27th October, 2008

SUBJECT: 2gether Clinical Information Systems

PURPOSE

Presentation of the Business Case for the implementation of a single Electronic Patient Record

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS

- The Trust currently uses four key clinical information applications to support the delivery of patient care: Clinical Manager, PAS (East and West) and Protocol.
- This document represents the business case to implement a single clinical information application, based on the National Programme for IT product for Mental Health, Rio.
- A number of options are presented and the benefits and risks are detailed.
- The costs of these options over a 7 year period are also detailed.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Approve the decision to Implement Rio V5.1 in 2009
- Promote full engagement with BT through the formal deployment process
- Fund the project as identified in the Financial case

WHICH TRUST KEY STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES DOES THIS PAPER PROGRESS OR CHALLENGE?

Supporting clinical care	P	Skilled workforce	P
Getting the basics right		Using better information	P
Social inclusion		Financial efficiency	
Seeking involvement		Legislation	P

WHICH TRUST VALUES DOES THIS PAPER PROGRESS OR CHALLENGE?

Seeing from a service user perspective			
Excelling and improving	P	Inclusive open and honest	
Responsive		Can do	
Valuing and respectful		Efficient	P

REVIEWED BY:

Infrastructure Committee

8th October, 2008

Forums / Community groups whose views have been sought	
	Date

1. CONTEXT

This document represents the business case and options appraisal covering future clinical information needs for 2gether NHS Foundation Trust. The current clinical information application, iSoft Clinical Manager (iCM) has been in use for a number of years and has helped introduce a culture which recognises the importance of the availability of information to the delivery of patient care. In the last few years there has been significant progress in the National Programme for IT specifically in the area of Mental Health applications. In the London cluster, the application RiO has been implemented in the majority of Mental Health trusts with the support of BT. This is set to continue in the next few years with more implementations and the development of additional functionality including integration with other National Applications. In the Southern cluster there has been less progress and many Mental Health trusts are now looking to BT and the RiO application to meet their needs.