

ICB Primary Care Commissioning Committee

Date of meeting	14 th December 2023
Title of paper	General Practice Capital Investment
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Agenda item	6
Confidential	Yes

Executive summary		
<p>This paper is to provide detail of and seek approval from the committee to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed General Practice Information Technology (GPIT) capital investment plan for 2023/24 • A General Practice Improvement Grant (GPIG) request for Dr Wilson and Partners • The revised Terms of Reference for the Capital Working Group (CWG). 		
Advise, Assure or Alert		
<p>Advise the committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Of the capital investment in GPIT for 2023/24 across the ICB. - Of an improvement grant investment in the Healthcare Centre Preston. - Of the revised Terms of Reference for the capital working group <p>Assure the committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - That all investments are in line with national guidance and regulations. 		
Recommendations		
<p>The Committee is asked to note the contents of the report and to approve the GPIT, Improvement Grant investment, and to sign off the Terms of Reference for the Capital Working Group.</p>		
Which Strategic Objective/s does the report contribute to		Tick
1	Improve quality, including safety, clinical outcomes, and patient experience	x
2	To equalise opportunities and clinical outcomes across the area	x
3	Make working in Lancashire and South Cumbria an attractive and desirable option for existing and potential employees	x
4	Meet financial targets and deliver improved productivity	x
5	Meet national and locally determined performance standards and targets	x

6	To develop and implement ambitious, deliverable strategies	x
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Implications				
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	Yes	No	N/A	Comments
Associated risks	x			Included within a separate risk section of the paper
Are associated risks detailed on the ICB Risk Register?		x		
Financial Implications		x		Financial implications will be presented to the committee on a case-by-case basis

Where paper has been discussed (list other committees/forums that have discussed this paper)				
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Meeting	Date	Outcomes
Capital Working Group	26/10/2023	Recommended approval of the Improvement Grant
Capital Working group	22/11/2023	Recommended approval of the GPIT investment

Conflicts of interest associated with this report				
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Impact assessments				
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	Yes	No	N/A	Comments
Quality impact assessment completed			x	
Equality impact assessment completed			x	
Data privacy impact assessment completed			x	

Report authorised by:	Craig Harris, Chief of Strategy, Commissioning and Integration
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ICB Primary Care Commissioning Committee – 12th October 2023

General Practice Capital Investment

1. Introduction

1.2 This paper is to provide detail of and seek approval from the committee to the following:

- The proposed General Practice Information Technology (GPIT) capital investment plan for 2023/24
- A General Practice Improvement Grant (GPIG) request for Dr Wilson and Partners
- The revised Terms of Reference for the Capital Working Group (CWG).

2 Background Primary Care Capital Allocations

2.1 The three-year NHS Capital Guidance for 2022-25 and the system allocations were released based upon the new ICB organisations. Within the ICB capital allocation was a defined and ring-fenced amount for General Practice, to allow ICB's to take a more cohesive approach to capital investments across all organisations within their system. It must be noted however that the General Practice capital investment cannot be reduced or invested in other sectors of the system, and that all investments are made by NHS England upon the approval by the ICB.

2.2 The Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB Primary Care Contracting Group met on the 14th March 2023 where approval was given to the investment proposals for 2023/24 as detailed in the table 1 below, this also included an assumption for 2024/25.

Table 1

NHS L&SC ICB	Primary Care Capital Allocation £'000s		
	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Annual Allocation	£3,117	£3,113	£3,109
GPIT Acquisitions	£2,500	£2,299	£2,488
Capital Grants	£617	£814	£621
Total	£3,117	£3,113	£3,109

3 Proposed Investment – GPIT 2023/24

- 3.1 The GPIT investment proposals have been reviewed in detail by the CWG to understand the investment being proposed and to ensure they align to the GPIT investment guidance – *Securing excellence in Primary Care (GP) Digital Services – The Primary Care (GP) Digital Services Operating Model*.
- 3.2 The GPIT investment is a hardware and software acquisition scheme for GP IT across Lancashire & South Cumbria ICB to enable a technology refresh of essential items and ensure continued provision of robust digital and IT. The ICB aims to deliver high quality general practice IT and infrastructure to operate both current and future services efficiently across Lancashire and South Cumbria, utilising the very latest technology to support patient care and care planning. Following the 2017 cyber-attack, general practice infrastructure has been reviewed against current CareCert guidance and ongoing programme implemented to ensure all equipment is brought up to and maintained at the certified standard.
- 3.3 The scheme is required to replace the minimum amount of hardware required to maintain modern General Practice IT estate across Lancashire and South Cumbria, continue the preparation for and implementation of Windows 11 functionality and ensure hardware specifications for core clinical systems are maintained. Without an on-going hardware replacement programme, we will not be able to maintain a viable and reliable electronic patient record. The programme of work this scheme supports covers all hardware and software upgrades required to meet CareCert guidance and the latest operating system deployments.
- 3.4 The summary of GPIT investments:

Type of Investment	Quantity	Value
Windows 11 compliant Laptops, PCs and peripheral equipment	954	£950,500
Windows 11 Wireless Access Points	522	£438,274
Network Switches	106	£645,190
Engineering and Implementation		£166,555
Total		£2,200,519
Total GPIT budget		£2,299,000
Remainder		£98,481

3. Proposed Investment Improvement Grant

- 3.1 The Capital Working Group proposes approval of the following Improvement Grant.
- 3.2 The grant application has been thoroughly reviewed to ensure that it is complete, submitted with all the relevant supporting paperwork including commercial

quotations, project plans, architect plans and planning permission and fully compliant with the Premises Cost Direction 2013.

3.3 A summary of the application is provided below.

Dr Wilson & Partners, The Healthcare Centre, Preston – Grant for £295,813

The practice plans to improve the entire premises through increasing the clinical capacity by a total of 6 new clinical rooms, improve accessibility for patients with improved waiting facilities, new patient lift, electronic doors and general improvements to infection control and compliance.

The proposals have been in development for a number of years, forming part of the Greater Preston CCG historic estate strategy and has remained a strategic investment opportunity forming part of the proposed investments by the ICB in 2023/24.

The proposed works include an increase in the practice capacity by 104sqm through occupying a space previously utilised by a dental practice who has requested relocation to another premises in the vicinity. Utilising this space and reconfiguring the existing space will increase the practice capacity to provide a wider range of services to its own registered patients but also the wider PCN patients, these include services provided by the various ARRS roles, walk-in services, INR clinics and contraception clinics. The increased capacity will also be used to increase the number of trainee GPs and Nurses the practice can take each year.

The proposed works include two elements – one which is eligible for general practice improvement grant (GPIG) support and one which is not. The GPIG eligible element will be funded via a GPIG equating to 66% and practice funds equating to 34%. The element that is not eligible for a GPIG will be funded 100% by the practice.

The proposal will incur an additional revenue cost through an increase in the practices occupied floor space and the overall improvement of the premises. The detail of the additional revenue costs are detailed in the table below:

Improvement	Additional Revenue Cost
Additional floor space	£17,000
Improvements to the building	£20,567
Total	£37,567

3.4 The associated paper regarding the additional notional rent required was presented to the Medical Services Group on the 16th November 2023. The notional rent requested was approved and finance colleagues have confirmed the required funding is in the associated budget.

4. Capital Working Group Terms of Reference

4.1 The proposed Terms of reference for the Capital Working Group are attached as appendix 1.

5. Recommendations

5.1 The committee is asked to:

- Approve the GPIT investment plan for 2023/24
- Approve the GPIG request from Dr Wilson and Partners
- Approve the Terms of Reference for the Capital Working Group.

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Appendix 1 – Capital Working Group Terms of Reference



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