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## **ICT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY REGARDING INTRODUCTIONS OF IPADS IN RVH**

- 1. I should like to know the Trusts ICT development strategy especially in respect of RVH Belfast and in particular the introduction of iPads or similar to assist front line staff attending to patients and communicating with all other patient services.**

A copy of the Trusts Digital Strategy (redacted on basis of cybersecurity) is attached.

- 2. What priority has this been given in respect of seeking efficiencies and value for money?**

The Trust has a statutory duty to ensure efficiency, economy, effectiveness and prudence in the administration of public resources, to deliver value for money in line with the principles set out in Managing Public Money Northern Ireland (MPMNI). This is a key element of business planning, and outlined within Trust business cases. Additionally the Digital Programme underpinning the Digital Strategy is prioritised using a model focused on value delivered, alignment to strategic goals and risk mitigation. The value assessment covers 6 quality parameters, along with corporate and digital strategies, including:

- Safety
- Experience
- Effectiveness
- Efficiency
- Timeliness
- Equity

Please see the attached Cyber Security Exemptions, public interest test

Where indicated on the attached document where information has been withheld is on the basis of cyber security

Exemptions applied:

- S31 Law Enforcement
- S38 Health and Safety
- S43 Commercial Interests

There is an overwhelming public interest in keeping Health & Social Care digital systems and critical national infrastructure secure which would be served by non-disclosure. This outweighs the public interest in accountability and transparency which would be served by disclosure