

**TRUST BOARD
SUBMISSION TEMPLATE**

MEETING	Trust Board – Public	Ref No. 7.3
DIRECTOR	Director Finance Estates and Capital Development	Date: 2 Sept 2021
Outline Business Case for the Replacement of the Managed Equipment Service (MES) for the Royal Victoria Hospital – Imaging, Cardiac Cath, Theatres and Critical Care		
Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Trust currently has in place a 15 year PFI contract with Philips Healthcare for the provision of a MES for Imaging, Cardiac Cath Labs, Theatres and Critical on the RVH site. The contract was originally scheduled to end on 30 September 2021. The Trust recently received approval from the Department of Health (DoH) to extend the contract to 30 September 2023. • All the equipment and clinical information systems provided under the PFI contract will be removed at contract end if the Trust does not put alternative arrangements in place. • Due to the success of the existing contract, the Trust is seeking to procure another MES contract. The Trust started the business case process for this in 2019 and the DoH approved the Strategic Outline Case (SOC) in 2020. • The Outline Business Case (OBC) will be completed by late July/early August 2021 and requires Trust Board approval. 	
Corporate Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety, quality and experience • Service delivery • Resources 	
Key areas for consideration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issues /risks <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ensuring that an alternative arrangement is in place when the current contract ends to ensure service continuity on RVH site 2. Requirement for capital funding which has been identified under the business case options. (Recurrent revenue funding in place for current MES solution). 	

	<p>3. Transition of clinical information systems under current contract to regional solutions (NIPACS and Encompass), ie these systems will not be included in any future MES.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Challenges <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Completion and approval of the OBC, the procurement exercise and FBC for a new MES within a very challenging timeframe to enable an alternative solution to be in place by contract end. • Internal/External engagement <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A project board and project team have been established. 2. There is full engagement with the relevant clinical teams, service management and finance colleagues. 3. Legal and procurement advisers have been appointed. 4. Early engagement has taken place with the HSCB and Department of Health. • Human rights / Equality <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No issues have been identified
Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The OBC will be tabled for approval at the Trust Board meeting on 6 September 2021. • The project plan demonstrates that the timescale for this project is very challenging and every effort needs to be made to avoid any delays in the process to ensure service continuity when the PFI contract ends. • As the OBC will be completed end of July/early August and there is no Trust Board meeting in August 2021, it is proposed to forward a copy of the OBC to Trust Board members, together with an executive summary, as soon as it is available. • It is also proposed to forward the completed OBC to the DoH for comment at the same time to avoid any delays. • Once the OBC has been approved by Trust Board, the OBC will be formally sent to the DoH for approval.