

**Greater Glasgow NHS Board**

**BOARD**

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## **ICT STRATEGY REFRESH 2004 - 2007**

### **A INTRODUCTION**

The attached Strategy restates and refreshes NHSGG's ambitions to see technology as a major lever for change and modernisation in the way in which all patient services are delivered, in both Hospitals and Primary Care.

The tasks set out in the initial ICT Strategy, 2002 – 2004, have been comprehensively achieved and as a consequence much of the technical and cultural infrastructure is now in place to realise the vision set out in the refreshed Strategy, 2004 –2007.

The overall aim is:

*To see a “step change” in providing all clinical staff with improved access to easy to use, more fully “joined up” patient information through the creation of an electronic, integrated, care record, available whenever and wherever required.*

This vision clearly mirrors the National eHealth Strategy, which similarly sees the need to ensure that the culture is right to exploit to the full the technology available. In commenting on NHSGG's approach, Peter Collings, National Director of Finance and IT, SEHD, endorsed the progress made and confirmed that the 2 key components of the National Requirements have been well reflected in Glasgow's approach: those being:

- To ensure that the CHI number is universally used to uniquely identify all patients; and
- That national procurements should be undertaken and adopted locally for all major IT systems and applications.

### **B RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Board is, therefore, asked to:

- Endorse the ICT Strategy, 2004 – 2007.
- Confirm the existing minimum fund of £2m per annum from capital funds.
- Support the Project Management and wider resourcing issues set out in the Strategy.
- Confirm the timetable set out in the Strategy.