Northern Health and Social Care Trust

Trust Board Briefing Paper	
Reference Number:	TB156/18/L
Date of Meeting:	28th March 2024
Presenting Director:	Paddy Graffin, Director of Infrastructure
Subject:	General Capital Plan 2024/2025
Purpose: Approval/Noting	Noting
Background:	The capital bids for 2024/2025 were tabled at the Capital Development Management Group meeting on 4th December 2023. Unlike previous years where the plan would then be tabled at SMT, this year due to the financial position and anticipated pressures on the capital budget on 2024/25 an additional step has been added. Owen Harkin, Director of Finance, at a meeting on 18th December 2023, reviewed the draft plan and agreed the approach to capital allocation of general capital. This plan has since been shared with the members of the Capital Development Management Group and approved at OMT on 23rd January 2024.

General Capital Plan

Communication with DoH has reinforced that the capital pressures will continue into next year, with no guarantee being given at this stage regarding the level of capital funding the Trust can expect to receive in 2024/25. For planning purposes a draft capital plan of £7.049m has been developed based on the assumption that we will receive approx. £5m as our opening CRL with the opportunity to secure additional funds during the year.

The draft capital plan considers:

- Committed schemes from 2023/2024 (£2.25m subject to change up to year end);
- Pressures from lack of identified regional funding, such as ICT / encompass and 48 medical beds. Separate funding may be identified for these areas as the year progresses, however at this point in time no separate funding has been identified and as such it is proposed to allocate general capital to these pressures;
- Corporate allocations to lifts, wheelchairs, vehicles and capitalisation of single items, contingency and in addition this year, scope replacement and refurbishment of Cookstown Treatment room. The plan also includes a separate allocation for medical devices.

- Divisional bids, due to the financial position and the potential limited resource by Estates colleagues to deliver schemes due to the rollout of encompass, includes funding for equipment purchase only.

As per previous years as the year progresses the position will be monitored to ensure total spend is within the funding envelope. There may be additional funding through in year monitoring rounds, where the capital plan and pressures at the time will be reviewed.