

Northern Health and Social Care Trust Board Meeting in Public - Cover Sheet

Subject:	9 x US scanners Radiology		Date of Meeting: January 2026	
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Approved By:				
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Purpose				
To provide a summary of the Capital Business Case for replacement of 9 x US scanners in Radiology, for Trust Board Approval			Approval	✓
			Assurance	
			Update	
			Noting	
Strategic Objectives				
Build Northern Partnerships and Integrate Care	Continue to improve Outcomes & Experience	Deliver value by optimising Resources	Nurture our People, Enable our Talent & Build Our Teams	Improve population Health & address health & social care inequalities
	✓			✓
Risk – please note if links to any principal, corporate or divisional risk				
Committees/groups where this item has been presented before				
Acronyms				
US - Ultrasound				
Executive Summary				
This proposal aims to replace 9 US scanners within Radiology across the Trust. The service covers a wide range of routine, planned, red flag and urgent examinations both for inpatients/outpatient clinics and unscheduled care. These 9 ultrasound scanners are now beyond the recommended manufacturer 5-year lifespan and the manufacturer strongly recommends replacement after this timeframe. As a result, SPPG and the Regional Medical Imaging Board (RMIB) have prioritised these 9 ultrasound scanners for replacement and have allocated the funding for this. His investment also provides advanced US probes to facilitate the introduction of targeted transvaginal ultrasound. This proposal will deliver the following benefits: • High quality scanning provided by a new scanner will improve imaging quality. Faster, reliable scanning improves diagnosis and treatment pathways for patients. • Facilitate a transvaginal ultrasound service • Provides reliable equipment for all settings, leading to decreased 'downtime', and maintenance of waiting times. Business case options: • Status Quo – business as usual • Option two - Replace 9 aging scanners Trustwide with modern fit for purpose scanners. Three on Antrim and Causeway sites, two on the Mid Ulster site and one on Whiteabbey site. The preferred option is option 2 as it fully meets the objectives of the proposal within the constraints of the funding available.				

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Risks:

Capital cost – this risk is considered as low risk – capital funding has been approved by the Department of Health.

Procurement of scanners and completion of project must take place within financial year associated with each allocation. This risk will be mitigated through the timely allocation of funding and effective procurement processes, and is considered as low risk.

Total capital funding required is £697,900. This is being provided in full by DoH through the Regional Medical Imaging Board.

This briefing paper seeks Trust Board approval to proceed with Option 2 upon receipt of capital allocation.