

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY****REPORT TO THE TRUST BOARD****HELD ON 18<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2012**

<b>Subject</b>	Full Business Case for the Expansion of the Emergency Department
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<b>Status<sup>1</sup></b>	A*

**PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

Following approval by the STH Capital Investment Team meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2012 the Full Business Case for the Expansion of the Emergency Department is submitted for Board approval at a capital cost of £3.98 million including VAT

**KEY POINTS**

This Full Business Case seeks Trust Board approval for a scheme to extend the clinical space in the Emergency Department at the Northern General Hospital.

The case refers to the growth in Emergency Department attendances over recent years, highlighting local changes and national initiatives, which have impacted on the number and acuity of presentations to the department. The case also discusses the challenges in meeting the access target for emergency presentations, given the current space limitations and the rising demand.

A summary of the current facilities in the Emergency Department highlights the keys areas for improvement, noting in particular that resuscitation provision is currently limited, and needs to expand to address the impact of becoming a full Major Trauma Centre. The rise in demand for admission avoidance services has also placed significant pressure on the available clinical decisions unit space. The current design of the main department does not support the flow of patients from the front door, and leads to bottlenecks, resulting in cramped and chaotic conditions. This is unsatisfactory for patients, carers and staff alike.

In evaluating options for improvement, the project group was cognisant of the close physical links with Diagnostic services, Critical Care and Theatres and that proximity to the Medical and Surgical Assessment Units was vital to the Emergency Department. This limited the options available for consideration. In selecting the preferred option of extending the existing department, the group sought a solution that would offer high quality clinical space, value for money and would be deliverable within a tight time schedule.

**IMPLICATIONS<sup>2</sup>**

<b>AIM OF THE STHFT CORPORATE STRATEGY 2012-2017</b>		<b>TICK AS APPROPRIATE</b>
1	Deliver the Best Clinical Outcomes	Y
2	Provide Patient Centred Services	Y
3	Employ Caring and Cared for Staff	Y
4	Spend Public Money Wisely	Y
5	Deliver Excellent Research, Education & Innovation	

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the Full Business Case is approved

## APPROVAL PROCESS

Meeting	Date	Approved Y/N
Trust Board	18.07.2012	

<sup>1</sup> Status:        A = Approval  
                  A\* = Approval & Requiring Board Approval  
                  D = Debate  
                  N = Note

<sup>2</sup> Against the five aims of the STHFT Corporate Strategy 2012-2017