

27/05/2022

Dear Requester,

FOI 1317

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request which was received within the Trust.
Please note, this is a cross-site response for Bedford site and Luton site.

You asked:

1. Can you confirm that both hospital sites were part of the NHS Global Digital Exemplar (GDE) programme? Luton as the GDE and Bedford as the Fast Follower (FF).
Yes
2. Please confirm if Luton received their full allocation of £10m towards digital solutions and a HIMSS level 7 compliancy? If not, please detail the amount received.
Yes, Luton and Dunstable Hospital did receive the full allocation of funding.
3. Please confirm if Luton met their requirements of local match funding the GDE funding, meaning a total of £20m was invested at the site during the GDE programme?
Yes, Luton and Dunstable Hospital did meet its match funding commitment.
4. Please confirm if Luton requested HIMSS to externally accredit the site under the EMRAM and if so, what score has been achieved?
The current Trust HIMSS score is out of date.
5. Please confirm if Bedford received their full allocation of £5m towards digital solutions and a HIMSS level 5 compliancy? If not, please detail the amount received.
Yes, Bedford Hospital did receive the full allocation of funding.
6. Please confirm if Bedford met their requirements of local match funding the GDE funding, meaning a total of £10m was invested at the site during the GDE programme?
Yes, Bedford Hospital did meet its match funding commitment.
7. Please confirm if Bedford requested HIMSS to externally accredit the site under the EMRAM and if so, what score has been achieved?
The current Trust HIMSS score is out of date.
8. With the potential of £30m being invested on digital solutions in Bedfordshire hospitals, please confirm investment plans for digital over the next 2-3 years moving forward.
The Digital Strategy and accompanying investment plans for digital are still being drawn up and therefore haven't been agreed.
9. Will Bedfordshire Hospitals be requesting further national funds to meet their strategic digital plans (levelling up, what good looks like)?
The Trust plans to make use of national funding opportunities for the improvement of patient care throughout our services and will there submit funding applications where possible.

10. What HIMSS EMRAM score do Bedfordshire hospitals currently plan to achieve and by when?

Our target is HIMSS 5, with no current target date in place.

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Yours sincerely,

FOI Officer

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