



FOI 2048

Date 26/07/2023

Dear Requester,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request. Please note, this is a cross-site response for Bedford site and Luton site.

You asked:

1) The trust is outsourcing some histopathology services. Which firms supply this work?

The companies include: Source Bioscience, Cytel and Backlogs Ltd.

2) Luton will be getting a CT scanner as part of the redevelopment programme. Which model and supplier have been chosen?

A GE Revolution Frontier CT scanner will be installed into each of the ED Departments at Luton and Bedford (so two in total).

3) What services will be housed in Luton's new Acute Services and Outpatients blocks?

- A new five storey Acute Services Block and New Ward Block, which will accommodate:
 - A Delivery Suite and Midwifery-Led Birth Unit
 - A Neonatal Unit (NICU) offering parent accommodation
 - An ambulatory surgical unit to support day case surgery and clean room procedures
 - A suite of operating theatres adjoining the current hospital operating theatres
 - A Critical Care Unit
- Improved car parking for staff, patients and visitors.
- A new modular office block
- Energy Centre
- Helipad

4) Bedford is investing £900,000 in a robotic assisted surgery system. Which supplier has been chosen?

Intuitive - Da Vinci surgical robot

5) Why is the trust's digital department working from Bedford Borough Hall?

The department is currently split across four locations and would like to consolidate its accommodation to support team integration and service improvement. Some of the contributing factors for the decision to move to Bedford Borough Hall include; limited space capacity on the existing sites, proximity to one of the hospital sites.

The need for the integration of Digital services between the current sites, to meet the changing needs of patient care and enabling the delivery of high-quality services, is a clear pillar of the organisation and articulated as a key enabler within the Trust's Clinical Strategy.

6) The trust has procured a new PACS supplier. Who is this?

Philips.



7) The trust is using a remote monitoring and data management system from Inflex for cancer patients at Luton. Please could you give a little detail as to what this system does?

There is a project to implement the Inflex remote monitoring system for Cancer Services at Luton & Dunstable University Hospital. The addition to the Inflex system will allow the clinical teams to develop and manage surveillance programmes for patients who have completed cancer treatments but remain under the care of the service. The patient centred follow up project is a nationally driven project as part of the cancer transformation work programme.

8) The trust has submitted an application for the national EPR Leveling up Scheme. What does it plan to do with the money?

The Trust will use any national funding that is awarded in accordance with the Levelling Up Funding Agreement. Funding will support the delivery of an EPR in line with NHSE's Minimum Digital Foundation (MDF) standard.

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Yours sincerely,

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