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Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals **NHS**



NHS Trust

Report Title:	MRI Service – Chair's action				
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	Secretary				
Meeting:	Trust Board (Public)	Date	7 th October 2021		

1. | Suggested discussion points [two or three issues you consider the Trust Board should focus on]

The report outlines the challenges around the current establishment of the MRI scanners against the planned modelling demand for 19/20. The demand is above the capacity of the scanners already without any growth being factored in.

The benefits of adding a 5th permanent MRI scanner into the fleet along with a contract extension for 26 months for InHealth are detailed in the report. This would be supported by a redistribution of the activity across the sites where outpatient activity is based to help future proof the service going forward.

In addition to a requirement to make the 5th mobile a permanent feature of the service, the Trust are currently dealing with a significant MRI backlog due to increased demand and the report highlights the need for the continuation of the Alliance Medical mobile unit contract at City Hospital for 12 months to support clearing the MRI backlog.

2.	2. Alignment to our Vision [indicate with an 'X' which Strategic Objective this paper supports]								
	Our Patients		Our People		Our Population				
٦	o be good or outstanding in		To cultivate and sustain happy,		To work seamlessly with our	X			
	everything that we do		productive and engaged staff		partners to improve lives				

Previous consideration [where has this paper been previously discussed?]

4. Recommendation(s)

The Trust Board is asked to:

- a. Approve the Inhealth MRI contract extension for 26 months which factors in an additional mobile unit initially, moving to a 5th established MRI scanner for SWBH
- Approve the Alliance Medical contract for continued provision of the mobile unit for backlog clearance.

5.	Impact [indicate with an 'X' which governance initiatives this matter relates to and where shown elaborate]							
Tru	ist Risk Register							
Во	ard Assurance Framework							
Equ	uality Impact Assessment	ls	this required?	Υ		N	Х	If 'Y' date completed
Qu	ality Impact Assessment	ls	this required?	Υ		Ν	Х	If 'Y' date completed