

# Specialist Estates Services Notification 25/04

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**For action by:**

Chief Executives, NHS Health Boards and Trusts Directors of Planning, NHS Health Boards and Trusts

**For information only:**

Copy to: Head of Capital, Estates and Facilities, Department of Health and Social Care, Welsh Government

Dear Colleague,

## **IMAGING AND THERAPIES PROPOSED APPROACH TO CAPITAL ALLOCATION 25/26-26/27**

### **1. Introduction**

To support waiting times, sustainability and fragility in the system, it has been agreed that £30m will be prioritised in 2025-26 and £15m in 2026-27, to support an imaging equipment and diagnostic replacement programme. This approach has been endorsed by the Cabinet Secretary for Health & Social Services.

As part of plans to agree the investments to be supported by this programme funding, Welsh Government has instructed NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership SES to review its NHS Wales Major Equipment Investment Strategy and engage with organisations to identify service priorities.

For the avoidance of doubt this is a **replacement programme** and any investment that adds capacity to the system, which does not already have an approval, falls outside of this and will need a separate discussion with Welsh Government – with an accompanying business case clarifying demand, capacity and revenue affordability.

### **2. Planning Assumptions**

As a result of 2024-25 investment approvals, several projects need to be completed in 2025-26, as such the funding for these will be prioritised initially in the plan set out for 2025-26. These include:

1. Installation element of CT 2 in UHW
2. Morryston CT scanner
3. SPECT- CT for Withybush
4. SPECT-CT for Royal Gwent

Planning and design proposals for all the above projects has commenced and will need to be delivered and completed in 2025-26.

Proposals and planning for projects in 2026-27 will also commence in 2025-26 to ensure future projects can be managed in a timely manner and maximise any commercial benefit.

### 3. Radiotherapy strategic investments

A discussion has already taken place with Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board and Welsh Government; as such Radiotherapy investment at Ysbyty Glan Clwyd, will be prioritised in 2025/26 as part of this programme focussing on systems overdue for replacement. A business case is currently being developed to support this investment and will form part of the plan against this programme.

Discussions are underway with Swansea on their next treatment machine investment, the timing of which is likely to fall into 2026-27.

### 4. Ultrasound replacement

As part of early planning, a provisional sum of circa £3million in 2025-26 and £1.5million in 2026-27 will be recommended to enable investment in Ultrasound services to be made in a planned manner and enable commercial proposals to be considered over the 2 year period.

### 5. System Upgrades

In recent years there has been a significant investment in 'life extending' upgrades as they represent both good value for money and reduced implementation times. Consideration will be given to such upgrades under this programme.

### 6. Other Welsh Government Requirements

In developing the programme NWSSP will be closely engaging Welsh Government to ensure that any supported schemes through other routes are known or prioritised where required.

### 7. Timetable

the initial stages of the process are set out below.

Task Name	Duration	Start	Finish
NIECP Peer review	0 days	Wed 02/04/25	Wed 02/04/25
Prioritised list agreed	21 days	Wed 02/04/25	Wed 30/04/25
Final fully costed schemes sent to WG for consideration and approvals	22 days	Thu 01/05/25	Fri 30/05/25
Approval of final list no later than	19 days	Tue 03/06/25	Fri 27/06/25
Commence procurement activities to complete not later than	40 days	Mon 02/06/25	Fri 25/07/25
Imaging systems awards to be made in a timely manner through August	25 days	Mon 28/07/25	Fri 29/08/25
Enabling works tenders to be issued no later than 31 August	65 days	Mon 02/06/25	Fri 29/08/25


The planning stages for 2026-27 will commence in September 2025

## 8. Closing Comments

We hope this is helpful and provides a framework for planning the investments over the 2 year period ending 31 March 2027. I would be grateful if you pass this notice to relevant colleagues in your organisation.

If you require further information on this matter please contact Andrew Ward, National Programme Manager, Specialist Diagnostic & Therapies Equipment ([andrew.ward2@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:andrew.ward2@wales.nhs.uk)).

Yours sincerely

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