

**To:** The Board

**For meeting on:** 30 September 2015

**Agenda item:** 9

**Report by:** Sigurd Reinton, Technology Assurance Committee Chair

**Report on:** Report of the Technology Assurance Committee meeting on 23 September 2015

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**Background:**

1. The Chair of Technology Assurance Committee (TAC) is required to report on its work to the Board after every meeting of the Committee. This report highlights the key issues considered by the Committee.

**Issues:**

TAC update

2. TAC members noted the increase in demand for Information Services since May 2015, which is expected to give rise to an increase in the number of projects in the coming months. The increase was mostly associated with data analytics and NHS foundation trust monitoring. Support for these two areas and pricing absorbed the majority of Information Services resource.
3. TAC members discussed the most appropriate way in which the adoption of new Information Services practices could be encouraged throughout Monitor, and the way in which risks could be mitigated. The Committee supported the planned move to Agile project management and accountable relationship management.
4. The general public's ambivalent attitude towards to use of their personal data was noted, and the potential issues this could raise for Monitor were considered.

Developing an Information Strategy for NHS Improvement

5. TAC members agreed that it would be advantageous for Peter Sinden, Chief Information Officer, to take on a significant role in the IT and Integrated

Information Systems Programme Steering Group during this time of substantial organisational change for Monitor as it was integrated with four other bodies including the NHS Trust Development Authority (NHS TDA).

6. The proposed approach to deliver on and guide the emerging business strategy of NHS Improvement was noted. The Committee noted with approval the recognition that the IT Strategy was inseparable from the business strategy and that the two had to be developed through an iterative process.
7. TAC members discussed the IT systems of Monitor and the NHS TDA respectively, and the implications for integration. The importance of obtaining the investment needed to facilitate successful integration was noted, together with the importance of having set timescales for deliverables based on clear organisational objectives.

#### Final Spend Profile of the Strategic Information Platform Programme

8. TAC members noted that the majority of developments for Monitor in relation to the Strategic Information Platform were complete, and reviewed the summary financial breakdown of the total SIP funds.

#### Any other business

9. TAC members suggested that it would be beneficial to increase the frequency of their meetings given that Monitor was going through a period of rapid organisational change.

**Sigurd Reinton**  
**TAC Chair**

## **Public Sector Equality Duty**

*Monitor has a duty under the Equality Act 2010 to have due regard to the need to eliminate unlawful discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between people from different groups. In relation to the issues set out in this paper, consideration has been given to the impact that the recommendations might have on these requirements and on the nine protected groups identified by the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion and belief, gender and sexual orientation).*

*As it is for information, it is anticipated that none of the recommendations of this paper will have an impact upon the requirements of or the protected groups identified by the Equality Act.*

### **Exempt information:**

*None of this report is exempt under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.*