

Meeting of  
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SUBJECT: FINANCE REPORT FOR THE MONTH ENDED 31 JANUARY 2008

## 1. PURPOSE

The attached report provides the NHS Board with an update on the financial position for period April – January 2008.

## 2. CONTENT / SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES

The financial position to the end of January 2008 shows an underspend of £10.469m. This is in line with the year end forecast per the mid year review, which placed the potential surplus in the range of £11.5m - £19.5m.

The scoping work for the investment in premises was largely complete by the end of January. This indicated that up to £6.3m of the originally planned £9m is likely to be spent or committed in the current financial year. As highlighted previously, close liaison with our external auditors is essential in determining the extent to which 'provisions' can be made for planned commitments where there has not yet been actual *cash* spent. This will ultimately need to be tested through the annual accounts process, however initial discussions are scheduled for early March.

In addition to the premises investment there are a number of other potential provisions, including the developments within the Cardiac Catheterisation Laboratory at Hairmyres, the impact of Agenda for Change reviews, the transition costs of the move from the current PACS contract to the national agreement, and the 'catch up' costs associated with the Cervical Cancer vaccine programme.

Capital expenditure of £6.898m has been incurred to date, against the updated plan of £37.010m for the year.

## 3. ACTIONS

Ongoing support for the management action required to minimise the likely year end under spend and to seek, as far as possible, to contain the surplus within the forecast set out in the LDP.

#### **4. CONCLUSION**

The NHS Board are asked to note the contents of the report.

#### **5. FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information or clarification of any issues in this paper, please contact Carol Potter, Deputy Director of Finance, 01698 206355.

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