

Trust Board

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From: Mr Andrew Stevens, Director of Planning & Information
Date: May 2008
Subject: **Confidentiality and Information Protection Policies**
For: **Decision**

Synopsis

The work of the Information Governance Group includes the review and updating of relevant policies. The Governance Committee has recently considered and endorsed two key information governance policies relating to confidentiality and information protection. Both policies have been discussed widely within the Trust, and the confidentiality policy has also been considered by and contributed to by members of the Ethics Committee. This policy also refers to Department of Health guidelines which are incorporated within the policy.

Because of the importance of these policies and their associated guidelines across all areas of the Trust's work, Trust Board is asked to approve these policies.

Financial, legal and risk impact

Failure to put the right arrangements in place for confidentiality and information protection could compromise patient safety and standards of care. Review of these policies and monitoring of their implementation can provide assurances for the Board in a number of areas, including core standards.