





This report is based on survey findings of the delegates for the Healthcare Strategy Forum on the 2nd and 3rd April 2019, comprising of 238 Chief Executives, CIOs and other strategic, IT and operational leaders in the NHS.

To deepen our insights, we interviewed the highest decision makers in face-to-face and telephone interviews to discuss trends and issues being tackled in their organisations.

21 C-Level Directors

65
Heads of
Department

72 6 Management Other



MAIN FINDINGS OF THE REPORT



SERVICE DELIVERY

NHS leaders are prioritising improvements in how services are delivered



HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

There is an ongoing drive for health and social care to be integrated effectively



SELF-SERVICE CAPABILITY

Developing self-service capabilities for both staff and patients was highlighted as an urgent issue



DIGITAL HOSPITAL

Harnessing new technologies and innovations stood out as a top improvement initiative

The key issues being tackled by the Chief Medical Information Officer at one of the UK's most digitally advanced GDE trusts:

- Using data from electronic patient records
- Training staff to do QI and research in a paperless hospital

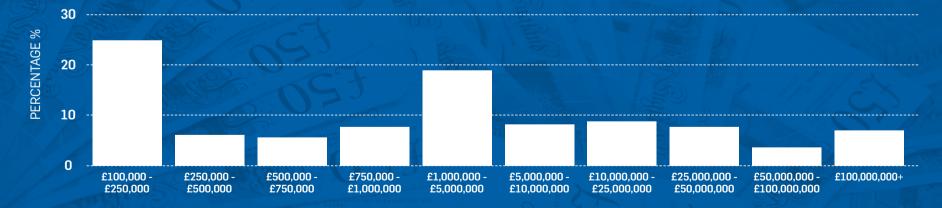
The challenges being prioritised by the ICT Director at one of the busiest trusts in the East of England:

- Automation and orchestration of ICT activities
- Reducing operating costs
- Agile working

COMBINED SPENDING POWER OF GROUP

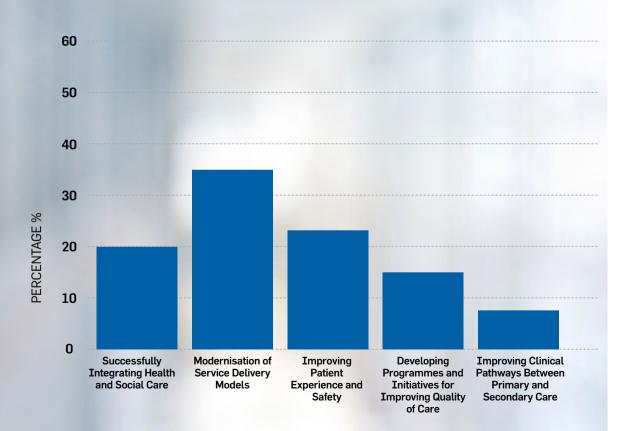
£3.5billion





BUDGET RESPONSIBILITY PER PERSON

TOP STRATEGIC PRIORITY



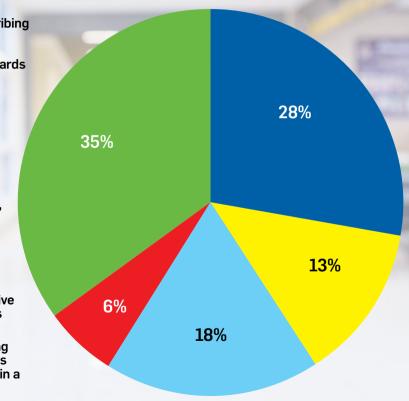
Above all else, modernising service delivery models across the business was highlighted as the key strategic priority for the group.

Much of the group also emphasised the need to improve patient experience and safety.

TOP IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVE



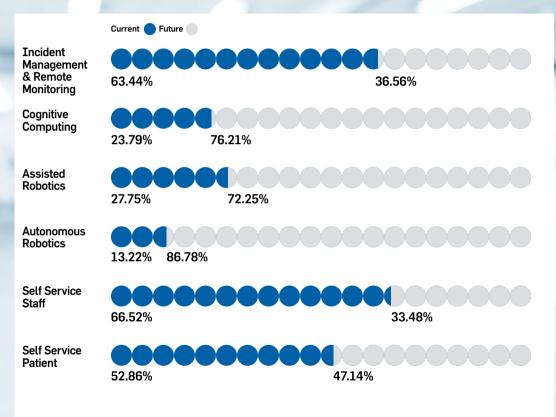
- Recruiting and Retaining Top Clinical Talent
- Harnessing
 Technology and
 Innovation Using
 a 'Digital Hospital'
 Approach
- Implementing
 Preventative
 Measures Across
 the Hospital to Drive
 Efficiency Savings
- Harnessing Cutting
 Edge Technologies
 Such as Robotics in a
 Clinical Setting



Senior clinicians are struggling to ensure health and social care is integrated effectively, with a focus on service improvements and outcomes - not just administrative reorganisation.

Respondents also highlighted their need to use a digital approach in their strategy and harness new technology and innovation.

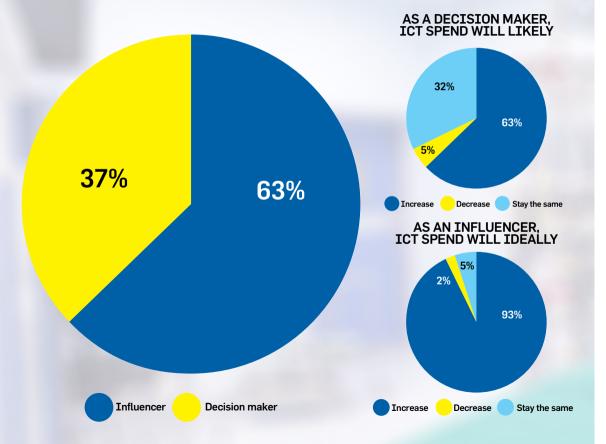
CURRENT OR FUTURE PRIORITIES



Some priorities are considered primarily as a future focus for the group, such as autonomous robotics and cognitive computing.

However, the majority of the group specified that innovations enabling selfservice for both staff and patients is a significant priority that needs to be tackled urgently.

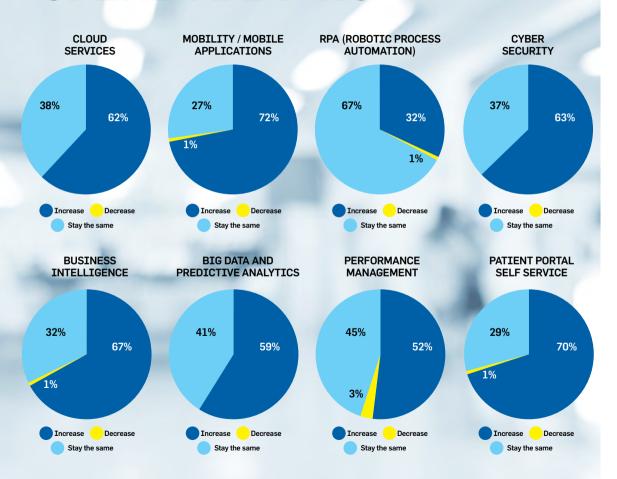
IT PURCHASING 'DECISION MAKER' OR 'INFLUENCER'



IT spend is planned to increase in the future, and the overwhelming majority of respondents wish for even higher adoption of new technologies.

The major influencers of the group who directly impact solution purchasing decisions understand that their IT spend needs to increase to meet wider departmental initiatives.

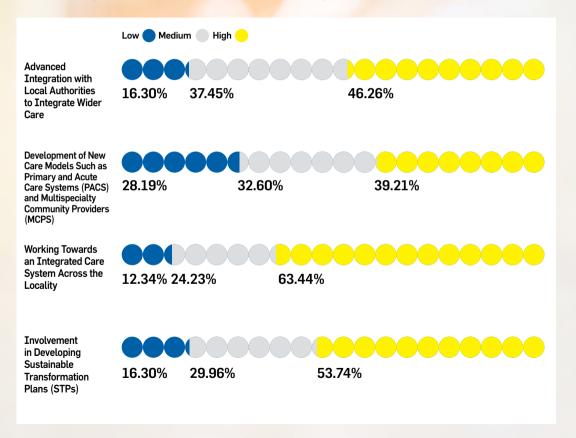
SPEND MAPPING



Technologies surrounding patient portals, mobility and business intelligence are very much at the forefront of our group's budget plans.

NHS trusts have considerable challenges digitising their legacy infrastructure but understand this must become a reality in order to underpin future delivery of services and technology.

LOW, MEDIUM OR HIGH PRIORITY AREAS



Although many issues are deemed to be of high importance by NHS leaders, over 63% of those surveyed stressed that working towards an integrated care system across the locality is a major priority area.







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