

**BOARD PAPER - NHS ENGLAND**

**Title:** Efficiency Controls Committee report

**From:** Paul Baumann: Chief Financial Officer

**Purpose of paper:**

To provide a report from the efficiency controls committee (ECC), in accordance with its terms of reference.

**Actions required by Board Members:**

The Board is asked to note the work of the committee

## **Efficiency controls committee report**

1. The objective of the committee is to approve expenditure on activities relating to NHS England's functions that are subject to DH and Cabinet Office controls utilising, where appropriate, the delegated financial limits set out in the Standing Financial Instructions for members in attendance (the committee has no delegated budgetary authority of its own).
2. Following the establishment of the finance & investment committee (FIC), the ECC is focused on approval of short term revenue business cases, with FIC scrutinising long term commitments, capital and property related business cases as well as wider issues of financial policy, performance and budgetary control.
3. The Committee met ten times in the period, approving 26 business cases without conditions and 19 with conditions prior to submission to the Department of Health (DH) for onward approval.
4. Work continues with DH to ensure a consistent and efficient application of the controls appropriate to a major Arms Length Body (and specifically the requirements for NHS England, DH, Ministerial and/or Cabinet Office approval).

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The number of cases considered at each meeting, and their outcome is as follows:

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Number Cases on Agenda</b>	<b>Number of Cases Approved</b>	<b>Number of Cases with Conditions</b>	<b>Number of Cases Rejected</b>
13/02/2014	4	3	1	0
20/02/2014	3	2	1	0
27/02/2014	7	0	7	0
06/03/2014	1	1	0	0
13/03/2014	1	1	0	0
20/03/2014	3	2	1	0
27/03/2014	9	5	4	0
03/04/2014	7	7	0	0
10/04/2014	5	4	1	0
17/04/2014	5	1	4	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Value of Cases on Agenda</b>	<b>Value of Cases Approved</b>	<b>Value of Cases Conditions</b>	<b>Value of Cases Rejected</b>
13/02/2014	£1,642,360.00	£813,500.00	£828,860.00	£0
20/02/2014	£480,000.00	£430,000.00	£50,000.00	£0
27/02/2014	£2,152,095.00	£0	£2,152,095.00	£0
06/03/2014	£282,444.00	£282,444.00	£0	£0
13/03/2014	£20,000.00	£20,000.00	£0	£0
20/03/2014	£5,997,258.00	£5,717,000.00	£280,258.00	£0
27/03/2014	£1,547,181.44	£1,117,818.00	£429,363.44	£0
03/04/2014	£11,463,499.00	£11,463,499.00	£0	£0
10/04/2014	£389,638.00	£198,293.00	£191,345.00	£0
17/04/2014	£503,975.00	£313,475.00	£190,500.00	£0
<b>Total</b>	<b>£24,478,450.44</b>	<b>£20,356,029.00</b>	<b>£4,122,421.44</b>	<b>£0</b>