

**REPLY BY THE MINISTER OF
THE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT
TO A QUESTION ASKED PURSUANT TO RULE 6 OF THE
RULES OF PROCEDURE BY DEPUTY M.P.J. HADLEY**

Question 1

Can you please list any efficiency savings accruing from the EHSCR?

How much of this been included as FTP savings?

Answer 1

In March 2014, the Electronic Health and Social Care Record (EHSCR) Programme Board was provided with a Benefits Profile Review – that is, a list of budget reductions and efficiency savings that have been made since the start of the programme. These were as follows:

Description	Recurring Annual Value	First Year of Saving	Type
Cash-releasing savings			
Theatre staff reduction	£154,000	2011	Budget reduction
ICU staff reduction / skill mix changes	£276,000	2011	Budget reduction
Ward staff reduction	£365,000	2011	Budget reduction
Ward staff skills mix changes	£340,000	2011	Budget reduction
Improved electronic storage / reduced paper requirements	£25,000	2013 (half-yr)	Budget reduction
Health records staff reduction	£56,000	2010	Budget reduction
Private patient income – pathology	£72,000	2011	Income generation
Private patient income – overall uplift	£466,000	2011	Income generation
Non-cash-releasing savings			
Theatre agency staff reduction	£140,000	2012	Cost reduction
Termination of IT service contracts	£220,000	2010	Cost reduction
Formulary savings	£358,000	2011	Cost reduction
Improved reporting to political meeting – MSG contract monitoring	£8,000	2012	Efficiency gain
Reduced processing by Finance team	£3,000	2010	Efficiency gain

The list above reflects the savings identified to date. It can be seen that the majority of these savings were made in 2011 – before the start of the Financial Transformation Programme

(FTP). It is likely that there will be another review of the financial benefits attributable to EHSCR towards or after the completion of the programme, at which point any further savings should be identified.

None of the savings identified above have been banked as part of the FTP. As previously stated, one of the EHSCR implementation posts has been banked. There are no other known overlaps between EHSCR and the FTP, but any that may be identified through future reviews will be clearly indicated as such.

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Date of Reply: 5th September 2014

Staff hours (approx)	1
Cost (approx)	£40