

TRUST BOARD MEETING – 21st August 2008

Title of the Paper:	Proposal to Enter Into a Joint Venture on the Development of Ear Scaffold Technology
Agenda item:	135/08
Author:	Graham Ramsay, Medical Director
Trust Objective:	N/A

Key issues

Following a series of discussions by the Board under part 2 arrangements (in view of the commercial nature), the Board now needs to consider formally its position with regard to entering into a joint venture proposal

Purpose

To report to the Board on discussions that have taken place and to seek their agreement to a number of recommendations.

Risk Implications for the Trust(including any clinical and financial consequences):	Mitigating Actions (Controls):
There are no anticipated risks to the Trust of either pursuing or deciding not to go forward with this proposal.	Not applicable at this time.

Level of Assurance that can be given to the Trust Board from the report [significant, sufficient, limited, none]:

In terms of the Trust's exposure should it agree to proceed there is sufficient assurance that the Board would not be committing the Trust to any financial risk.

Links to Key Line of Enquiry (KLOE 1 - 5)

N/A

Recommendation to the Trust Board:

The Trust Board members are asked to:

Consider the recommendations in the report and take the necessary decisions.