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Subject: EH/896/AE - Gemini Re-Platforming

Dear Colleague,

xoserve are notifying the Committee of the instigation of the Gemini Re-platforming project.

The Gemini Re-platforming Project has been established to sustain service delivery in anticipation of potential risks caused by some system components reaching the end of their expected 'life'. The project will assess the current system's architecture design and develop a strategy for its replacement.

An initial assessment identified that the application is functioning to an acceptable level and as such there are no plans to make changes to the application. The assessment advocated a new conceptual target system design utilising updated hardware technology. Current expectations are that the hardware refresh will have a minimal impact upon Users, however the full extent of any change will not be known until the design phase has evolved further.

The indicative project time line is to commence Design in August 2009 leading to an implementation that is targeted for Q2/3 2011. Appropriate User consultation will be undertaken through the UK Link Committee in due course.

The Project Manager for Gemini Re-platforming is Lee Foster, supported by Andy Earnshaw.

Regards

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