

Queensland Health eHealth Investment Strategy

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On Thursday 3 September 2015 Queensland Health Minister Cameron Dick announced the Palaszczuk Government's [20 year health ICT strategy](#).

The strategy will see the biggest ever overhaul in the history of Queensland's public health system to bring it into the digital age.

The Minister also flagged a fresh approach to addressing ICT challenges within the health system, encouraging developers and vendors to proactively approach Queensland Health with solutions.

The strategy's investment priorities will focus on clinical systems, business systems, ICT infrastructure and the digital future of Queensland Health.

Specifically the program will:

- Deliver a new ICT infrastructure utility to provide contemporary network and data centre foundations that support contemporary systems and increase mobility of the workforce.
- A contemporary desktop environment to support a consistent user experience, and access to common systems and tools across the health system.
- To establish a secure environment to share information and images, and consult with others through an interoperability platform.
- To replace enterprise systems; and
- To invest statewide in electronic medical records and enabling digital hospitals.

The Queensland Government estimates around 1,000 jobs will be created with the implementation of the eHealth initiatives detailed in the strategy.

The next major ICT project will be Brisbane's Princess Alexandra Hospital, which will be subject to stringent checks as it transforms into a paperless "digital hospital" by the end of the year.

The Minister said the system would only go live when it had been proven to be clinically safe, saying the government had learned from the lessons of the past.

The project will roll out 200 mobile work stations, 770 barcode scanners, and pathology and wristband printers to support digital workflows and is the first of many hospitals to undergo a digital transformation.

Further information

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