



## SPHERE Fact Sheet

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Systems Powering Healthcare Limited (“SPHERE”) is a company set up to provide IT infrastructure management and IT service management to NHS trusts. It launched formally on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2015 with founding members Chelsea & Westminster Hospital and The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trusts.

The scope of services are:

- data centre management,
- network & communications,
- compute infrastructure (servers),
- storage,
- end-user computing (PCs/laptops, office software etc.),
- IT service management (service desk, operations, business continuity) and IT security.

SPHERE entered into contracts with the Trusts as a service provider to the Trusts in relation to the supply and management of the above IT infrastructure services. The contracts have a combined value of £10.5m in 2017-18, and will vary year on year according to Trust requirements.

Trusts therefore no longer have individual contracts with service providers in the above areas.

Trusts continue to manage their IT strategy, line-of-business (primarily clinical) applications software and information governance.

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