

Suggested minimum IT specification for local MI centres

Item		Minimum functional specification	Minimum purchase specification	Optimum purchase specification
Staff/PC ratio			One PC per WTE pharmacist, technician and clerical/secretarial support	
Processor	Type	P2	Pentium 4	
	CPU Speed	400MHz	2.4GHz	3.0GHz
	Memory – RAM	128MB	256MB	512MB
	Memory – Hard disk	10GB	40GB	80GB
	CD-ROM drive	CD-ROM	with CD Rewriter	with dual DVD and CD-ROM Rewriter drives
	USB	-	YES	YES
Monitor		Resolution 800x600 (SVGA) 15"	Resolution 1024x768 TFT flatscreen 15"	Resolution 1024x768 TFT flatscreen 17-19"
Modem & Internet		Trust network connection with Internet and e-mail facilities or in accordance with local Trust IT policy <i>Nb: Most Trusts will not allow modems and dial-up connections in hospitals</i>		
Printer	Laser (for black & white) Inkjet (for colour)	Access to both printer types	Yes e.g. HP Laserjet 1000w Yes e.g. HP Deskjet 3420c	
	Laser (for high volume colour)	-	Access to colour laser printer in Pharmacy or MI centre	
Scanner		Access to		YES Medium volume for paperless office

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Software	Operating system	MS Windows 2000/XP		
	Word processing	MS Office 2000/XP	MS Office 2000 Pro	
	Spreadsheet		MS 2003 when NHS supported	
	Presentation (PowerPoint)		<i>nb: most Trusts are not yet supporting MS Office 2003</i>	
Database				
	Communications	MS Internet Explorer v6.0 and above		
		<i>nb: NetScape not supported or recommended in NHS</i>		

Notes:

These specifications:

1. Only valid at the time they are published. Check the UKMi website for the current recommendations.
2. Only intended as a guide for local MI centres. Regional MI centres may have different requirements.
3. May be exceeded by the local IT policy in some NHS Trusts.
4. Do not apply to MI centres working with laptops or with thin client systems.