We all know that information, communications technology (ICT) will play a critical role in our future. ICT is changing the way we live and work and will transform how patients will access and manage their healthcare in the future.

Deloitte were engaged by the Westmead Redevelopment project team to help us create a vision for ICT that will position Westmead as a flagship digital hospital for NSW. Part of this included four key workshops which ran earlier this year.

A feedback session to link the workshop outcomes to each of the participants was held last Tuesday.

“This feedback is about ensuring everyone knows how their participation and ideas are being used. We also want everyone to know how the priorities for investment are being identified,” project director Carla Edwards said.

The Redevelopment project has committed to ensuring that we have a technology enabled working environment for the future. The way our staff, patients, students and researchers use technology will change, therefore the way we work will change and the way we interact with our patients will change. This all means that the design of the spaces where we work will also need to adapt and change.

The investment plan will now be reviewed by an expert ICT advisory group and the Planning and Development Committee. Funding submissions will then be developed for the investment program.

Some ideas from the ICT Workshops

- Empowering patients at the bedside
  - "Take information to the patient"

- Operations control centre through information
  - "Timely information and insights"

- Research information exchange
  - "Getting researchers closer to data"

- Smart blood fridges
  - "Bring patients and products closer"
Important information on our works

- The speed limit across the precinct is 15kph.
- Additional speed bumps have been installed - they are designed to slow you down.
- Obey the directions from traffic controllers.
- Watch out for your colleagues crossing the roads.
- All workers must take reasonable care of their own health and safety.

Works on site this week

- Disruptions along Institute Road continuing. Traffic control in place. Please follow the instructions of traffic wardens.
- Car parking construction. Access to Oval is closed until the new car park is opened in August 2016.
- Next part of Institute road car park opens 30 May
- Car Park P7 is closed.
- Works on ICPMR Roof. Cranes are operating onsite adjacent to the ICPMR works.
- Car parks closed for construction. Changed traffic conditions.

Redevelopment works, but no disruption

Infrastructure upgrades underway.

High voltage upgrade contractors on site

Construction of the new helipad commencing soon.