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SDHB to consider purchase of TrendCare software

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The Southern District Health Board, at its meeting in Dunedin today, will consider spending \$306,301 on a software system to improve the way it allocates nursing staff to meet the needs of patients.

The system, called TrendCare, developed in Australia and already used in many hospitals, works out how many nursing hours are needed on wards by assessing what patients' needs will be. The duty co-ordinator can see where extra staff may be needed or where surplus staff could be moved.

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