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PROJECT UPDATE

By Jackie Bremner, Project Director

During recent months, work to develop a design that meets our clinical brief (requirements) and is deliverable within the available funds has been ongoing in partnership with the Principal Supply Chain Partner (PSCP), design team, the NHS Grampian project team and clinical colleagues. This work has taken longer than was originally programmed due to a number of challenges, common with large complex developments, especially on a busy acute hospital campus. This work has required us to agree some elements of redesign that have recently been approved

by the project board and are now being developed.

As a consequence of this redesign work, the programme has been extended and plans are in place to submit the project for Outline Business Case approval early in 2018. Construction is now due to commence in the spring of 2019. The approach to construction of these two exciting facilities is being developed by our partners GRAHAM Construction (PSCP) and the wider design team, allowing the clarification of the approach to construction on this busy acute hospital site. You may

have noticed during recent months a number of site investigations and other survey work being carried out to inform this detailed design work.

Work to make sure that we keep stakeholders (public and staff) up to date

with progress continues. A series of staff and public awareness sessions are now being planned for November and December 2017. To find out more about the project, watch out for notices about these sessions on social media, global emails, and local team briefs.

Please follow us on Social Media for latest project news and opportunities to get involved – and invite your friends to like our pages too.



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PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES

By Anna Rist, Public Involvement Officer

The recent months have been relatively quiet for our public involvement activities due to other developments in the project taking priority, but with a revised programme now agreed things are getting very busy again! We are starting a new round of NHS Grampian staff awareness sessions which will see us visit over 80

clinical and non-clinical teams over the next few months. We are happy to come and meet with any team with a stake in the project so if you would like to hear from us, and have not already been approached by us, please contact Anna at anna.rist@nhs.net.

In June, the Project Team organised three drop-in sessions to share the early impressions of what our buildings might look like with staff, patients and visitors at ARI and Aberdeen Maternity Hospital. These sessions were well-received and built on the success of similar events organised in April. We have more drop-in sessions planned soon - watch this space!

In August, members of the Baird team attended the Grampian Maternity Services Liaison Committee meeting for a project update. Mark Rodgers from Chaplaincy also attended the meeting to begin a conversation with service users about the naming of the planned sanctuary space. There are several areas in both the Baird and the ANCHOR buildings that have working titles at this point and the Project Team will be consulting the public and staff on a naming strategy later on in the process.

In September, we participated in the Health and Wellbeing Event for people living with cancer, organised by NHS Grampian and the Third Sector. Many attendees visited our stall and gave us their thoughts on the care they had received and how the

facilities could be improved.

In October, we were delighted to be invited to the Friends of ANCHOR Appreciation Afternoon with our project display.



Dr Mike Munro, the Baird Clinical Lead, with Florence Arthur from La Leche League at a drop-in session in June.

Baird News

SPOTLIGHT ON THE ABERDEEN CENTRE FOR REPRODUCTIVE MEDICINE (ACRM)

By Alison McTavish, Aberdeen Fertility Centre Manager



Alison McTavish (middle) with colleagues at the Aberdeen Fertility Centre

The new facility in The Baird Family Hospital will enable the ACRM team to provide a high quality, evidence-based clinical service in an environment which is sensitive to the needs of patients. The new centre will also offer enhanced research and development facilities, supporting the professional development of staff. The ACRM team have worked with the Project

Team to ensure that patients' expectations regarding privacy and dignity are met in this sensitive and personal area of medicine. An individualised approach to clinical practice is fostered and the team must ensure that the service complies with the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority (HFEA) who inspect the facilities and staff competence on a regular basis. This Government watchdog has very specific requirements which are challenging in many areas of patient care.

The new facilities are planned according to a person-centred model to ensure that specialist services are provided locally and the requirement to travel is minimised. In line with NHS Scotland's commitment to the 'Leading Better Care' initiative, they will provide excellent, effective care in a safe environment.

The patient pathway involves various different types of appointments depending on the nature of the investigation and/or procedure required and this is tailored to individual need. The aim in all appointments will be for different specialists to come to patients. The Fertility Service

includes Gynae-Endocrine Multidisciplinary Clinics, Paediatric Adolescent Gynaecology Service, Urology/Andrology Clinics as well as a Fertility Preservation Service. The activity associated with fertility preservation has increased due to improved cancer survival rates for both males and females.

In planning for the future, the administration, counselling, laboratory and nursing teams have pored over the plans to ensure the patient pathway flows efficiently while attending the Centre. The opportunity to redesign the service to increase efficiency has been planned and indeed has already commenced. Due to the restraints of the HFEA we have had to develop a standalone records system and

are in the process of embracing electronic patient records which will also meet the needs of the national data collection requirements. This activity should enable us to move to the Baird with minimal paper-based patient records and a new way of working!

The ACRM is a research-active centre with a long track record of successful recruitment to clinical trials, and the facilities in the Baird will enable us to build on this success. The service will further benefit from purpose-built, controlled environments for egg recoveries, semen production and the storage of eggs, sperm and embryos.

Other News

FOCUS ON GRAHAM DAVIDSON AND COLIN GRAY, TECHNICAL SUPERVISORS



Colin Gray (left) and Hammy Davidson (right)

'Hammy' Davidson has worked for the NHS Grampian Estates Department for the past 27 years. During that period he has primarily been involved with the maintenance of the buildings across the Aberdeen Royal Infirmary site and built up an extensive knowledge of the site infrastructures.

In November 2016, Hammy took up his current post of Building Technical Supervisor for the Baird and ANCHOR

Project. This role sees him involved in the building design layout, ensuring that the appropriate Scottish Health Technical Guidance along with other healthcare guidance is fully incorporated into those designs. When construction of the projects commence in 2019, his main function will be to oversee the building elements of the projects and ensure that all work undertaken reflects the high quality standards which NHS Grampian expects.

Hammy is delighted to be involved with a team whose aspirations are to deliver buildings which on completion will match the best national standards of healthcare to be found anywhere throughout Scotland.

Hammy has been married to Moira for 34 years and has a daughter Raegan. Outwith work he enjoys playing golf at Murcar Links and gardening.

Colin Gray joined NHS Grampian in 2009 from Defence Estates at RAF Lossiemouth where he was Deputy Facilities Manager for six years. He has worked as Mechanical

and Electrical Technical Supervisor on several Frameworks and Hub Projects, including the Emergency Care Centre (Matthew Hay Building), Radiotherapy Linear Accelerators 1 and 2, The Foresterhill Energy Centre, Aberdeen Health Village and the recent ARI Phase 2 refurbishment projects.

Colin moved to the Baird and ANCHOR Project from the ARI Reconfiguration Project in November 2016 and will be responsible for providing design input and guidance to the contractor for the mechanical and electrical aspects of the building construction, ensuring the correct standards are complied with. Once construction commences, he will undertake supervision of the construction, provide feedback to the project team and highlight any concerns which may require action.

Colin graduated top of his class from the University of the Highlands and Islands winning the Sullom Voe Cup and is a keen electric car enthusiast.

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Project Team's Third Sector Social Calendar

On 19 August 2017, members of our project team entered The Friends of ANCHOR Wipeout obstacle course as team Run Like the Winded, dressed as Snow White and the Seven Dwarves! With Jackie Bremner leading our team as Doc and Hammy, our technical supervisor, looking rather good as the Disney Princess Snow White, we had a brilliant afternoon climbing over inflatables and getting soaked in waterslides. Our project partners from GRAHAM Construction and Norr Architects also entered teams and we were all delighted to learn that the weekend had raised more than £36,000 towards Haematology, Oncology and Radiotherapy in the North East.



On 7 September 2017, we entered a team, called The Dumbelles, to the Sands Charity Quiz Night at the Sportsman Club. Sands have worked with and supported the project from day one, advising on the design of maternity services and facilities. A great time was had by all and, as a bonus, we took home the first prize! The night also raised £1104 towards the Birthing Suite Annexe planned for The Baird Family Hospital.

RUMOUR HAS IT!

In all big projects, there can sometimes be misinformation about project facts. Some of these rumours take on a life of their own. This section in our newsletters will try to respond to the rumour mill, at least the ones the Project Team hears about!

Heard on the grapevine...

- **The project has been delayed because The Baird Family Hospital had been drawn too big, spilling over Westburn Road.**

The project programme has been delayed while we worked through a number of issues to make sure that the design meets the very complex clinical brief and is affordable within the available funding. The Baird design has always been contained within the available footprint.

- **The project has been cancelled!**

We are very happy to confirm that the Baird and ANCHOR project continues as planned! We appreciate that delays in the programme can cause concerns about project progress, but these new facilities remain a priority for NHS Grampian and, indeed, NHS Scotland. Any colleagues with questions are encouraged to get in touch with the Project Team directly and we will be happy to provide answers. We will continue to address queries through the regularly scheduled staff awareness sessions.