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## Project News

### PROJECT UPDATE

By Jackie Bremner, Project Director

Work to complete the detailed designs for the new Baird Family Hospital and the ANCHOR Centre is nearing completion with plans being put in place to submit the Full Business Case to the Board of NHS Grampian and Scottish Government for approval in June 2019. The main Construction works will commence thereafter in the summer following completion of the Enabling Works.

The Enabling Works started in November 2018. They include, for example, road realignment, water attenuation, service diversion and demolition works. The works will have a minimal effect on the delivery of

clinical services on the Campus, but some services, particularly those close to the development sites, may be affected by noise and dust. Plans are in place with our colleagues at GRAHAM Construction to minimise the impact on clinical services during the works.

To celebrate the commencement of these works, two 'Turf Cutting' ceremonies were held on 18 December 2018. The weather was inclement, but it did not dampen the celebration at these important events which were hosted by the NHS Grampian Chairman, Professor Steven Logan, and attended by The Lord Provost, senior NHS

Grampian officers, staff, patient representatives, third sector partners, construction and design team colleagues, and elected members.

On Wednesday 31 October 2018, we launched the B&A Fundraising Campaign aimed at 'Delivering the Difference' in the new facilities for the benefit of patients, visitors and staff. Two very successful launch events were held: a public event at the Cafe Tempo in the Bon Accord Centre and an evening event hosted by Professor Logan at the Chester Hotel.

The fundraising for the Baird and ANCHOR developments will be led by our fundraising partners:

- **The ARCHIE Foundation** and **Friends of the Neonatal Unit** for The Baird Family Hospital
- **Friends of ANCHOR** for The ANCHOR Centre
- **The University of Aberdeen Development Trust** for Cancer research and Women's Health research at the University of Aberdeen, to support outstanding care at the new ANCHOR Centre and Baird Family Hospital

A fundraising group involving the three main charities, the Project Team and NHS Grampian Endowments is working to ensure a co-ordinated approach to all fundraising activities for these exciting projects over the next three years.

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



[@bairdANCHOR](https://twitter.com/bairdANCHOR)



[www.facebook.com/bairdANCHOR](https://www.facebook.com/bairdANCHOR)

Dedicated project website also available at [www.bairdanchor.org](http://www.bairdanchor.org)

## UPDATE ON THE ENABLING WORKS

By Graham Davidson and Colin Gray (Technical Supervisors) and Nicki Nesbitt (Commissioning Manager)

The Enabling Works, or site preparation for the Baird and ANCHOR buildings, started on 19 November 2018. Good progress has been made over the last two months and visitors to the Foresterhill Health Campus will have noticed that work is happening on the ground. Hoarding has gone up around both building sites to separate them from the rest of the campus. Site accommodation for our construction teams is also in place. Weekly staff briefing sessions are taking place to ensure our NHS colleagues are aware of any construction activities that might impact on clinical and other services.

The Baird Family Hospital site preparation works so far have included the relocation of the helicopter landing lights and the wind sock; the construction of a haul road on site to allow various underground service diversion, excavation and drainage works to commence; and the realignment of the road adjacent to the Royal Aberdeen Children's Hospital (RACH) patient car park. The demolition of the former Foresterhill Health Centre and Breast Screening Centre buildings is underway. Preparations are also being made for the temporary relocation of the RACH patient car park.



Demolition of the former Foresterhill Health Centre and Breast Screening Centre buildings

The existing RACH patient car park will close from mid-February until the end of April. During this period we encourage families to park in the Lady Helen Parking Centre (the multi-storey car park). A shuttle bus will operate between the Lady Helen Parking Centre and RACH. A temporary car park for the disabled and those with limited mobility will also be available close to RACH.

A section of Foresterhill Road at the Westburn Road junction will close completely to traffic for a period of around 8 weeks from the end of March 2019 (dates TBC). During this time, all vehicles

accessing the Foresterhill Health Campus will need to use alternative entrances. Work has also started on The ANCHOR Centre site. A new entrance to the Radiotherapy Centre is being constructed both externally and internally. The former Eye Outpatient Clinic building is being stripped of internal fittings in preparation for

demolition. In the coming weeks, the road from Radiotherapy to the Matthew Hay Building will close as the ANCHOR site hoarding is brought up to connect to the existing Radiotherapy Centre building. This will allow for work to commence in earnest within the site.

## PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES

By Anna Rist, Public Involvement Officer

The last three months have been exciting and busy for our project, with a visit to Shetland; our fundraising launch in October 2018 (see feature on p. 6); the site preparation works starting on Foresterhill Health Campus in November 2018 (see feature on p. 3); and the first turf for both facilities being cut by service user representatives in December 2018.

Gail Thomson and Louise Budge visited Shetland for three days at the start of October 2018. They met with NHS Shetland staff, service users and members of the public (including representatives of the Myeloma Awareness Group) to discuss project progress and impact on Islands patients.



Louise Budge with staff and service users in Shetland

The annual Baby Loss Awareness Week also took place 9 – 15 October 2018. We supported Aberdeen Sands with their Random Acts of Kindness initiative, sharing pouches of ‘love hearts’ sweets to commemorate babies who have died before birth or soon after. The campaign was very well received on our social media platforms, raising awareness of this difficult but important topic.



Marking the Baby Loss Awareness Week



Wendy Palmer and Joe McGunnigle with James Milne (Chairman for Friends of ANCHOR), Professor Stephen Logan (Chair of NHS Grampian) and Barney Crockett (Lord Provost of Aberdeen)

Formal turf cutting ceremonies were held to mark the start of work for both buildings on 18 December 2018. We were delighted to have service user representatives to cut the first turf for both buildings, representing the many stakeholders who have helped to shape the clinical briefs and designs for the new facilities. For The ANCHOR Centre, these were Wendy Palmer and Joe

McGunnigle, both of whom have used the ANCHOR services and participated as Courage on the Catwalk and BRAVE models respectively at the prestigious Friends of ANCHOR fundraising events. For The Baird Family Hospital, the first turf was cut by Fiona Donald, a member of the Grampian Maternity Services Liaison Committee, representing Sands (The Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Society), and Anne Smith, a patient representative from the University of Aberdeen Development Trust.



Anne Smith and Fiona Donald with Professor Stephen Logan, Barney Crockett and Joe Mackie, Chairman of the ARCHIE Foundation

We have started 2019 with the next round of our annual staff awareness sessions. These are project updates to all staff groups, irrespective of discipline or role, who are either affected by our project in some way or simply want to find out more. If you haven't heard from us and would like us to come and speak to your team, please contact Anna at [anna.rist@nhs.net](mailto:anna.rist@nhs.net).

Finally, we have staff and public drop-in information sessions coming up in February and March 2019 in the ARI main entrance and at Summerfield House. Details are provided on the next page – come and see us with your questions!

### **Drop-in sessions for staff, patients and the public**

**Where:** Aberdeen Royal Infirmary Main Concourse

**When:** Wednesdays, 10am – 1pm, from 27 February until 27 March 2019

### **Staff drop-in session at Summerfield House**

**When:** Tuesday 12 March 2019

**Time:** 10am – 12noon

**Stop by to speak to our team and find out what is happening in the next few months!**

Please let us know if you would like to be on our Newsletter Distribution List by emailing the Project Team at [anna.rist@nhs.net](mailto:anna.rist@nhs.net)

## Other News

### FUNDRAISING UPDATE

By Louise Budge, Service Project Manager

Representatives from Friends of the Neonatal Unit, Friends of ANCHOR, Aberdeen University and NHS Grampian hosted the public launch of the joint Fundraising Campaign, ‘Delivering the Difference’, on Wednesday 31 October 2018 in the Tempo Café in the Bon-Accord Centre. It was a busy day with lots of engagement from the public and interviews with radio, TV and online media. An evening event was held at The Chester Hotel and hosted by Professor Stephen Logan, NHS Grampian Chairman, with an

expert panel of representatives from NHS Grampian and the charity partners.

Both events displayed the newly-commissioned 3D digital flythroughs of The Baird Family Hospital and The ANCHOR Centre. People also had the opportunity to watch three patient stories where former and current service users explained how they had directly benefited from the investment in the existing services through fundraised monies.



From left: The ARCHIE Foundation; Friends of the Neonatal Unit; Friends of ANCHOR; Baird & ANCHOR project; The University of Aberdeen Development Trust; and NHS Grampian Endowments.

## Friends of ANCHOR – ANCHORED Together Appeal

Friends of ANCHOR publicly launched their £2 million “ANCHORED Together” Appeal on 12 and 13 January 2019 in Union Square, Aberdeen. The main aim was to raise awareness about the fundraising campaign for the new ANCHOR Centre. With over 70 volunteers, all wearing red FoA t-shirts, it was hard not to notice them! There was a footfall of approximately 80,000 people through the doors of Union Square over the weekend, many of whom engaged with various aspects of the launch, such as a sticker trail, pledge wall, face painting and of course the silent disco which took place on a specially laid sparkling floor and was equally appealing to the adults as the children!

The charity plans to hold two more Union Square awareness events during 2019.

