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PROJECT UPDATE

By Jackie Bremner, Project Director

Work to complete the detailed design of the new Baird Family Hospital and The ANCHOR Centre is now nearing completion, with plans being put in place to submit the Project to the Board of NHS Grampian and Scottish Government for approval in early 2019. Construction is due to start in the spring of 2019.

In the meantime, a programme of preparatory 'Enabling Works' is scheduled to commence in the coming weeks and will be ongoing for a period of 6 months leading up to construction commencement. These Enabling Works will involve, for example, road realignment, water attenuation, service

diversion and demolition works. The works will not affect 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 being put in place with our colleagues at GRAHAM Construction to minimise the impact.

Access and parking on site will also be affected for periods of time during these works. A detailed communication plan has been developed and is now being implemented to let patients, visitors, staff and neighbours know about the disruption to access and parking, and about the

alternative arrangements in place during this programme of Enabling Works.

The next few months are going to be very busy as we prepare for the main construction phase commencing in 2019 and for both exciting new buildings to be open for patients in 2021.

In addition to all the construction works we are also about to launch a Fundraising Campaign aimed at 'Delivering the Difference' in these new facilities for the benefit of patients, visitors and staff. The Campaign will be formally launched on

Wednesday 31st October 2018. It will be led by our fundraising partners:

- The ARCHIE Foundation and Friends of the Neonatal Unit
- Friends of ANCHOR
- The University of Aberdeen Development Trust

A fundraising group involving the three main charities, the Project Team and NHS Grampian Endowments are working to ensure a co-ordinated approach to all fundraising activities for these exciting projects over the next 3 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

Dedicated project website also available at www.bairdanchor.org

Spotlight on the ‘Enabling Works’

By Nicki Nesbitt, Commissioning Manager

In preparation for the new Baird Family Hospital and The ANCHOR Centre to commence construction in spring 2019, a programme of essential preparatory ‘Enabling Works’ requires to be completed in advance of the main construction work.

The Enabling Works involve road realignment and service diversion works as well as the demolition of three recently vacated buildings on the Foresterhill Health Campus. The work is expected to start in autumn 2018 and to be completed in spring 2019, subject to approvals.

The works will cause some temporary disruption to access and parking on the Campus. There may also be noise and dust from demolition and other work activities. The clinical services closest to the construction sites are likely to be the most affected by the Enabling Works, including the Royal Aberdeen Children’s Hospital, the Radiotherapy Centre, ITU, Pharmacy, A&E and Aberdeen Maternity Hospital. All these services will continue to operate as normal throughout the Enabling Works.

The existing Royal Aberdeen Children’s Hospital patient car park will close in late autumn for necessary works. During this period a temporary patient/parent car park close to RACH will be in operation.

A section of Foresterhill Road at the Westburn Road junction will be temporarily closed for traffic in early 2019. During this time all vehicles using this entrance will be diverted.

More details and confirmed dates for each element will be communicated in due course.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES

By Anna Rist, Public Involvement Officer

The project team are continuing their busy schedule of staff, patient and public involvement as the project enters an exciting phase, with construction set to commence within months.

Senior Service Project Manager Gail Thomson and Service Project Manager Louise Budge returned to Orkney (following a previous visit in 2016) in early June 2018. They met with NHS colleagues involved in delivering the new Balfour Hospital, staff across different services with a stake in the Baird and ANCHOR project and with members of the public and local Third Sector organisations. They enjoyed the Orcadian hospitality and will be back with a project update again in the future.



Gail Thomson and Louise Budge with members of the Balfour Hospital project team.

Gail and Louise will also be in Shetland, 1-3 October 2018, to meet with NHS colleagues, patients and the public, as well as representatives and service users from local charities such as Macmillan, Sands and CLAN. A visit to NHS Tayside took place in July, with plans to visit NHS Highland being developed.

The earlier articles in this newsletter have mentioned the Enabling Works. The project team have been engaging and communicating with the most affected staff groups since August 2018, with wider internal communication also being under way. Communication to patients, neighbours and the general public is due to commence soon. During the Enabling Works, as well as during the main construction work from spring 2019, the project team will work closely with GRAHAM Construction to support their communication and engagement activities under the Considerate Constructors Scheme.

Louise and Anna Rist, Public Involvement Officer, gave project updates to the Myeloma Awareness Group at CLAN Cancer Support and to Buckie Cancer Link

on 26 September 2018. This was the second time Anna and Louise were invited to present to these groups and their interest in the project, and the warm welcome received, were much appreciated.



Anna Rist with members of the Buckie Cancer Link.

Finally, a couple of 'thank yous' are in order. Huge thanks to everyone who took part in and supported our social media countdown, #70forNHS70, to mark the 70th birthday of the NHS over the 70 days

leading up to 5 July 2018. Our Facebook page gained over 140 new followers during that period and the daily post reach more than tripled. We are already thinking of our next campaign – watch this space!

Thank you also to everyone who took part in our online survey on user experiences of the current maternity facilities in Grampian. 226 women and 52 partners took the survey, helping us to establish a baseline against which to evaluate improvement once the Baird is up and running. Some of the key themes that emerged from the feedback were around the dated facilities; lack of space and provision for partners to stay and support the woman as much as they wanted, including being separated overnight from the mother and baby; and lack of privacy or discreet egress when receiving unexpected or bad news. These are all themes that the clinical teams are aware of and have worked with the project team to improve in the Baird from the early project stages.

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Other News

FOCUS ON OUR NEW COLLEAGUES FIONA MATHERS, JEMMA CATTANACH, JENNIFER BROWN AND NICKI NESBITT

We have had four new colleagues joining us since the last Newsletter! We would like to welcome them to the team.

Fiona Mathers has joined the team on a 6-month secondment as Project Midwife for the Baird Family Hospital. Her background is nursing and midwifery. She is very passionate about her job and this is an exciting opportunity for her to be involved in contributing to a successful design that meets the needs of women and their families. Her main interests outside work include spending time with her family and friends and watching football.



Fiona Mathers



From left: Jennifer Brown, Jemma Cattanach and Nicki Nesbitt

Jemma Cattanach has joined the team as a Project Administrator. She has worked for NHS Grampian for 3 years and is really looking forward to being a part of this exciting and challenging project. She is mostly looking forward to the start of the construction phase next year as it will start to bring the project to life for all on campus. Outside of work, Jemma mostly enjoys taking the dogs out on adventures in and around Aberdeen.

Jennifer Brown started working as the Project Secretary in July. After a break from employment, she previously worked at the University of Aberdeen, School of

Education, for 15 years working as Team Leader and Programme Secretary for the MA (Education) Degree. Jennifer is looking forward to the new challenge of working on the Baird and ANCHOR Project and being part of the team. Outside of work, she enjoys travelling and days out with friends and family.

Nicki Nesbitt has joined the Project Team as Commissioning Manager. Nicki has worked in NHS Grampian for over 30 years,

primarily in Nursing and latterly as Business Manager in Acute Services. She will be responsible for the commissioning of the buildings along with moving the departments and services into them. Nicki is delighted to be part of the Project Team and to be working on such a prestigious project for NHS Grampian. In her spare time she enjoys travelling.

SAVE THE DATE – OFFICIAL FUNDRAISING LAUNCH!

Please come along to the official launch of the Baird & ANCHOR fundraising campaign,

‘Delivering the Difference’

On 31 October, 2018 at Café Tempo

At the Bon Accord Centre

Any time from 10am until 4pm

Please come and see us to find out more about the project and the fundraising campaign, and to speak to our fundraising partners Friends of ANCHOR, The University of Aberdeen Development Trust and The ARCHIE Foundation with Friends of the Neonatal Unit.

Everyone welcome!