

The Baird Family Hospital and The ANCHOR Centre Project Newsletter

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Project Update

Progress with planning for The Baird Family Hospital and The ANCHOR Centre is now well underway. The programme is being finalised with construction commencement scheduled for early 2018 and completion in 2020.

The 'Initial Agreement' (first of 3 business cases) was approved by the Board of NHSG in June 2015 and was formally considered by the Capital Investment Group at SGHSCD on 21 July 2015, approval is awaited.

The current work of the project team is focused on development and agreement of the clinical strategy and schedule of accommodation, resulting in confirmation of the clinical brief. Work has started on development of the technical brief with our technical advisors AECOM. Our financial and legal advisors for the project have also been appointed.

In terms of planning, work has commenced with Aberdeen City Council. A Pre Application Notice (PAN) for the project has been submitted, with the first of two successful public consultation events held in June, the second one held on 11 August 2015.

An NPD project office has been set up and is located at the east end of ARI on the corridor leading to the Radiotherapy Centre.

Jackie Bremner
Project Director

New Building Names

Earlier this year in March/April, members of the public and staff from across the North East sent in their suggestions for the names of these two major new buildings for the Foresterhill site. A total of 147 suggestions were received for the planned buildings. A Naming Panel of clinical staff, members of the public and senior officials agreed preferred names from a shortlist of suggestions and these names have been endorsed by the Board of NHS Grampian.

The names of the new buildings to be developed on the Foresterhill site are:

- **The Baird Family Hospital**
- **The ANCHOR Centre**

The Baird Family Hospital

The Baird Family Hospital name is in recognition of the contribution made to health by the Baird family over many years in Aberdeen and elsewhere in Scotland. In 1937 Dugald Baird was appointed Regius Professor of Midwifery in Aberdeen. In the three decades he held this post, he made major contributions in many fields including clinical practice, service provision and health policy in reproductive health, perinatal and maternal mortality, social obstetrics and cervical screening. He and his wife, Lady Matilda Deans Baird who was also a physician, established the first free family planning clinic in Aberdeen. In 1951 he started the Aberdeen Maternity and Neonatal Databank, which continues today, linking all obstetric and fertility related events in women from a defined population.

He was knighted in 1959 and when he retired in 1965 he and his wife were awarded the Freedom of the City of Aberdeen for their contribution to medical science and health in the city and beyond.

The ANCHOR Centre

ANCHOR (Aberdeen and North Centre for Haematology, Oncology and Radiotherapy) is a well-respected and highly regarded 'brand', established in the North for almost two decades. ANCHOR is a name that people of the North-East know well and hold dear. The emotive and powerful connotations of the word ANCHOR represent the safe, secure and strong place that the expert clinicians and health care team strive to give patients to get them through their own personal cancer 'storm'.

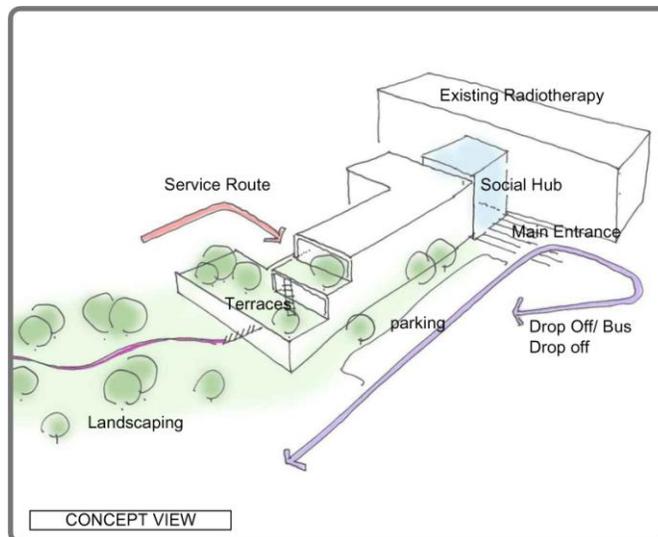
Indicative Programme

Milestone	Date
Initial Agreement Approval	July 2015
Complete the Reference Design	February 2016
Outline Business Case Approval	February 2016
Close Competitive Dialogue with Bidders	May 2017
Full Business Case Approval	December 2017
Financial Close	February 2018
Start construction	Early 2018
Open ANCHOR and Baird Family Hospital	2020

Site Location and Concept Images

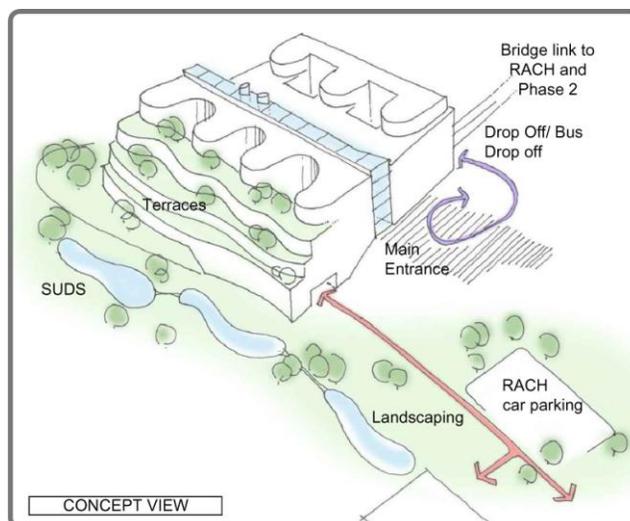
The ANCHOR Centre

The new centre will be located at the south of the east end of the Foresterhill Health Campus, adjacent to the existing Radiotherapy Centre. A concept image has been developed to give an indication of what the new centre could look like.



The Baird Family Hospital

The new hospital will be located on the part of the Foresterhill Health Campus which is currently occupied by Foresterhill Health Centre and the Breast Screening Centre. The initial concept image is as below.



Project Team

Over the last six months, work to establish the project team for this exciting project has been making good progress, with key officers now appointed. Thank you to Matt Eaton who has provided admin support to the team over the last 6 – 8 months.

We plan to do a short feature about team members over forthcoming editions of this newsletter. This issue will focus on Mike and Carolyn as The ANCHOR Centre clinical team.

Team member details:

- Julie Anderson, Finance Manager
- Carolyn Annand, Nurse Manager (Nurse Lead, ANCHOR Centre)
- Jackie Bremner, Project Director
- Louise Budge, Service Project Manager (ANCHOR Centre)
- Fiona Clark, Project Team Secretary – w/c 7th September
- Professor Mike Greaves, Haematologist (Clinical Lead, ANCHOR Centre)
- Andrew McArdle, Facilities Project Manager
- Margaret Meredith, Nurse Manager (Nurse Lead, The Baird)
- Dr Mike Munro, Consultant Neonatologist (Clinical Lead, The Baird)
- Andy Oliver, Commercial Manager
- Jane Raitt, Midwifery Manager (Midwifery Lead, The Baird)
- Anna Rist, Public Involvement Officer
- Lilly Ross, Project Team Secretary
- Graeme Smith, Director of Modernisation (Senior Responsible Officer)
- Gail Thomson, Service Project Manager (The Baird)
- Alun Williams, Project Manager
- TBC Development Manager

Our Partnership Representative for the project is Rachael Little.

Focus on:

Professor Mike Greaves and Carolyn Annand



Mike qualified in Medicine at the University of Sheffield in 1972 and undertook postgraduate training in General Medicine and Clinical Haematology. Mike took up post as Professor of Haematology in Aberdeen in 1996 and retired from clinical practice in 2014. His University roles in Aberdeen have included Head of School of Medicine and Head of College of Life Sciences and Medicine and also Vice Principal. Mike enjoys watching most sports but definitely not golf....Mike feels honoured to be Clinical Lead for The ANCHOR Centre and is excited by the potential for the centre to enhance the level of care offered to patients with cancer and haematological diseases in the region.

Carolyn joined the Oncology and Haematology department as Nurse Manager just over two years ago. Prior to this, Carolyn had been the Senior Charge Nurse in Neurosciences for over 25 years. Carolyn has been appointed to the post of Project Nurse for The ANCHOR Centre and feels that the centre will offer the opportunity to be a world class facility to deliver existing and new treatments and necessary support to patients. As part of her role, Carolyn will continue to prioritise staff development whilst planning the new centre in recognition of the essential role that skilled, knowledgeable and well supported staff will be to the success of the centre.

Involvement

A communication and involvement plan is currently being developed. This will outline how staff, patients, carers and the public will be involved and kept informed over the life of the project.

This newsletter is just one way we will communicate with staff and the public concerning progress with the project.

Public Consultation

Two public consultation events have been held recently, both held at Rosemount Community Centre which allowed ease of access for local residents in particular to find out more about the plans for the two new buildings.

The first event was held on 23 June and the second on 11 August. Both days were well attended with overall very positive feedback and comments made about the Baird and ANCHOR developments. Some of the positive comments received included:

- “We think the project is fantastic and will be a great asset to the community and beyond”
- All looks great, modern and inviting, having had a baby recently it is much needed”

There were some questions raised at the events concerning wider site issues not directly related to the project. There were mainly around car parking and site access, as well as the plans to build key worker housing on the site. These concerns have been shared with the relevant project teams who will be taking these developments forward.

The project team is delighted to welcome Anna Rist, Public Involvement Officer, to the project. Anna will take the lead on ensuring patients, the general public and other stakeholders are kept well informed throughout the life of the project.

Find out more

This newsletter is also available in large print, other formats and other languages, on request. Please contact Lily on 01224 559531 for a copy.

A Baird and ANCHOR Project webpage is being setup on the NHS Grampian website and will be available in the coming weeks