

# North East Scotland and Northern Isles Integrated Mortuary Project Newsletter - Issue 6



## Spring 2025

Welcome to the sixth issue of the N.E. Scotland & Northern Isles Integrated Mortuary Project Newsletter.



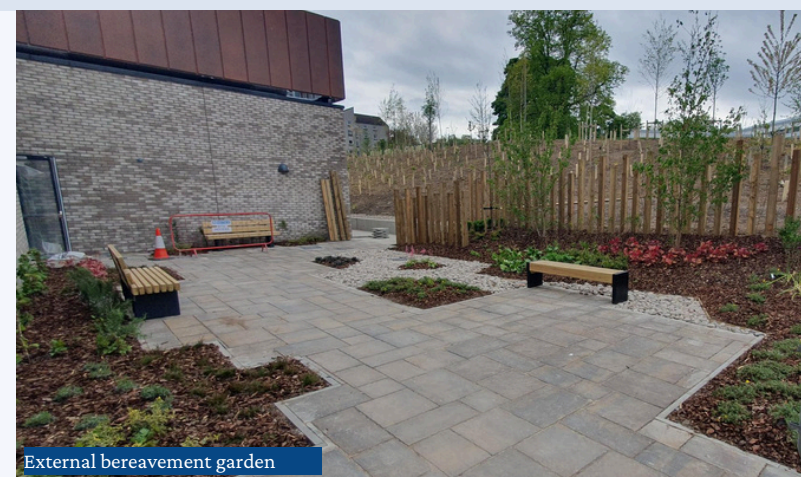
### Project Directors Update

The Integrated Mortuary project has been progressing at pace and is on track for construction completing in summer 2025.

External works are complete and with the imminent removal of the external hoarding boards, members of the public will get their first complete view of the building and the surrounding greenspace. Internal works are progressing well, with high quality finishing throughout.

The internal build environment is reflective of our key design principals of creating a welcoming, tranquil and caring atmosphere for bereaved families.

Internally, the main rooms and corridors have been designed to maximise natural light and improve visual connection to the external courtyard.



External bereavement garden



View of the North elevation



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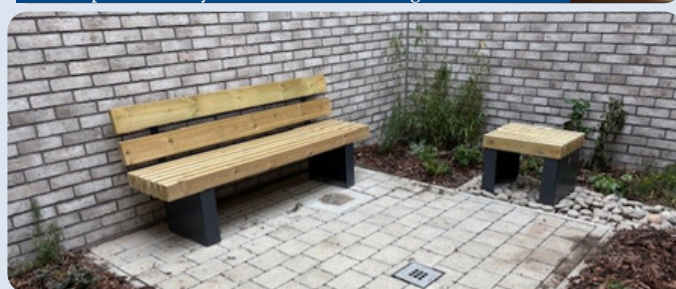


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## Infant Bereavement Area



Outside private courtyard in one of the viewing rooms



Throughout the construction phase of the project, we have had ongoing engagement with the NHS Grampian Bereavement Midwives and representatives from local bereavement charities.

This has helped us to ensure that the experience of bereaved families who will visit the mortuary will be the best it can be at such a difficult time.

Local charities MISS and Sands have also made donations including a Bluetooth speaker, small wicker basket and stands for Moses baskets and artwork for the infant bereavement rooms.



Internal corridor to viewing rooms

## Equipment



Much of the main equipment is now on site and being installed. Staff training has been scheduled and will start in the next few weeks. The new equipment will allow staff access to improved technology, resulting in more efficient processes.

To support all the equipment in the new building, a huge amount of Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing services was required. This has been an integral part of the building construction with commissioning due to commence.

## Quality Assurance

Technical supervisors are on site everyday monitoring quality and ensuring all of the work is in line with agreed standards and generally, making sure everything is correct and operationally ready for when the teams move into the building.



Utility space



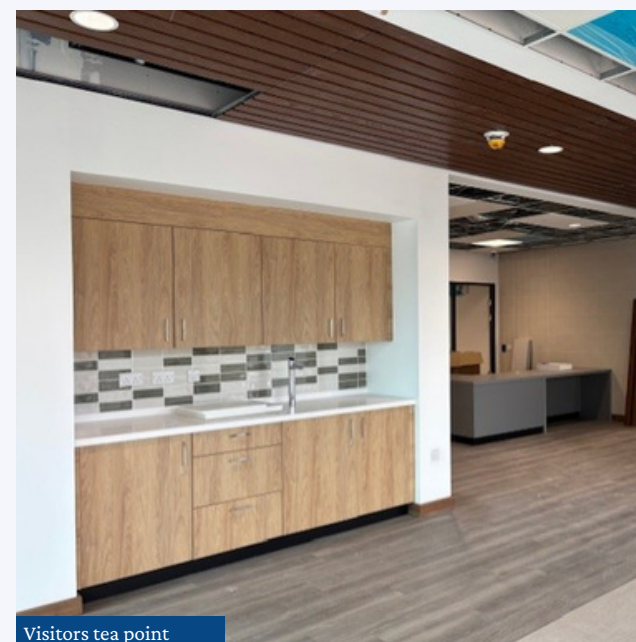
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## What Else Is Happening?

### Commissioning and Soft Landings

The integration of mortuary services brings together the teams from existing Queen Street and NHS Grampian mortuary facilities at Foresterhill. This will provide facilities for Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire, Moray, Orkney, Shetland, Crown Office, Procurator Fiscal, University of Aberdeen and Police Scotland all under one roof.

We are working closely with all key stakeholders as we plan the move into the new facility and get closer to the new building being operational. Members of the project team, operational colleagues, support services, and infection prevention and control colleagues are getting together regularly to plan for the move and ensure all goes smoothly.



This collaboration will continue after the new services moves in and are fully operational. Lessons learned activities will be carried out to ensure we capture what went well and what could have been better throughout the project, to inform future projects.

Prior to moving into the new facilities, the commissioning team is focusing on:

- Clinical, technological, financial and timing risks related to the commissioning process.
- Further engagement with wider NHS teams, including domestic and laundry services, porters, Waste Management Team etc., as the project enters the “operational readiness” phase to ensure the new facility is fit for occupation and operational by the agreed date.
- Liaising with the Principal Supply Chain Partner (PSCP) to keep track of the programme of work and planned completion and handover dates.

If you would like to be added to our mailing list to receive project updates, or if you have any questions for the Project Team, please email:

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For updated FAQs and to learn more about the project simply visit our website or scan the QR code provided.

You can and get an in-depth look at the new Mortuary's location, interior plans and meet the team.



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