



## Media Release

30<sup>th</sup> April 2007

### **EXTENSION OF DEADLINE FOR COMPLETION OF REVIEW OF MODEL OF SERVICE PROVISION IN THE TYRONE COUNTY HOSPITAL**

Elaine Way, Chief Executive of the Western Health and Social Care Trust, has advised that an extension of the original deadline of 30<sup>th</sup> April 2007 for the completion of the review of the current model of service provision in the Tyrone County Hospital has been agreed with the Department of Health.

Mrs. Way said:

“The Urgent Care and Treatment Centre at Tyrone County Hospital is part of this new model of service, which has been up and running for around 12 months. As with any new development, it is important to review progress to ensure it is achieving its objectives and is safe and sustainable.

I was asked by the Department to complete this review by 30<sup>th</sup> April 2007. The review includes the identification of additional services that could be provided at the Tyrone County Hospital as part of the hospital network across the new Western Trust.

Part of the review is an assessment of the skills of the junior medical workforce in emergency medicine across the Western Trust area. To allow time for a fair and objective measure of those skills to be made by appropriate clinical staff, I sought, and received from the Department, an extension of the deadline to 16<sup>th</sup> May 2007.

Since the announcement of the review, we have been engaging with a wide spectrum of clinical staff not only from the County but also from Altnagelvin and the Erne, and actively involving them in discussions.

When the review is complete, the Trust and the Department will assess the issues raised conscientiously and objectively and will make recommendations that are solely aimed at securing services that are safe and sustainable for the people of the Western Trust.”

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