

## Omagh Enhanced Local Hospital

### Foreword from Chief Executive, Elaine Way CBE.



I am delighted to contribute to this newsletter devoted to the progress of the Omagh Enhanced Local Hospital that represents an overall investment of £105million.

It was really heartening to witness the excellent work that continues to be delivered from the current hospital. To also share in the staff's enthusiasm and to be unequivocally assured that new, modern facilities would soon be available to further enhance the care they deliver.

Although it has taken much longer than any of us would have wished to reach this point. My Trust Board colleagues and I remain determined to deliver on commitments made both to the local

community and the politicians who represent them. I would particularly wish to acknowledge the important work of the Joint Liaison Group, which ensured that local representatives engaged with the Trust with the shared aim of delivering on the pledges that were made.

Given the unwavering efforts made by the Western Trust since its inception, it was fitting that our founding Chairman, was able to see our collective determination rewarded and to share in the joy experienced by both the Omagh Enhanced Local Hospital and Altnagelvin Radiotherapy Unit announcements.

The Western Trust is delighted to have such modern facilities across its three main hospital sites. As an important part of our networked hospital services we look forward eagerly to the opening of the new Omagh hospital so that the

acknowledged tradition of providing high quality services can be enhanced even further in purpose built, state of the art facilities. Indeed Omagh is ahead of the field and is about to deliver on the aspiration of the new Chief Executive of the NHS in England, when in May 2014 shortly after taking up post, he called for "new models of care built around smaller local hospitals".

It remains for me to commend the hard work of the Omagh Enhanced Local Hospital Project team and the Department of Health Social Services and Public Safety's (DHSSPS) Health Estates Group for ensuring the continued progress of the project. I also congratulate the contractor McLaughlin and Harvey and encourage all to work together over the next two years to deliver on the innovative hospital that staff and patients wholeheartedly deserve.



Artist impression of the front entrance to the new Omagh Enhanced Local Hospital, opening Autumn 2016.



**Michael MacCrossan, Omagh Enhanced Local Hospital Project Lead** From 2016 the Omagh Enhanced Local Hospital will provide a range of important hospital services to the community. This will cover a range of primary, secondary and community healthcare services appropriate for local delivery to the people of Omagh and surrounding district. In addition it will also provide advanced diagnostic services together with modern GP facilities.



diabetes, fractures, skin, chronic disease management and ENT (etc.). Alongside will be testing rooms for cardio and pulmonary investigations.

**Urgent Care and Treatment Centre** At the Southern end of the building is an alternative entrance primarily for patients requiring urgent care, cardiac assessment, treatment room or needing x-ray images or scans. The ambulance transfer point is also located here.

This entrance is the Hospital's '24 Hr.' access point, for on-call diagnostics and visitors comforting sick relatives. The G.P. out of hour's service will also be based here each night and at weekends.

**First Floor** Lifts at either side of the building will take patients / visitors to the first floor.

Services on the first floor include dental suites, operating theatres, women's health clinics and allied health professionals.

There are three operating theatres for day case surgery and 22 recovery beds. There is an endoscopy suite for internal examinations and faster diagnosis. Community mental health teams will provide therapeutic support from 16 consulting rooms and group rooms.

**Women's Health Clinics** Here will be the base for most women's related health appointments. The area will include treatment rooms for family planning, foetal assessment, uro-dynamics and colposcopy.

**Allied Health Professionals Area** Here dieticians, physiotherapists, occupational and speech therapists will particularly focus on recovery and rehabilitation from a range of therapy and exercise rooms. Podiatry Services will also be located on the first floor.



**Ward Area** The ward contains 40 single rooms for a mix of patients in recovery and rehabilitation and patients receiving palliative care. Single rooms assist in infection prevention and control and all have en-suite facilities.

Each nurse base station oversees ten bedrooms. Patients can, if desired, see from their room the activity along the ward through the glass walls from floor to ceiling.

**(Ground Floor) Health Village Concept** Patients, staff and visitors can, weather permitting, enjoy the external courtyards. These spaces also ensure that natural day light can permeate into most rooms and all waiting areas in the building.

The West-facing side of the building slopes down to the Camowen River, allowing views from the first floor bedrooms, the children's dept. and outpatients. There are a series of pathways and natural habitat to enjoy.

This hugely significant investment, costing in the region of £105m, will provide modern patient-centred services within the new hospital. This development will also form a key foundation in the Western Trust's commitment to modernising its healthcare services and will ensure that high quality healthcare provision is delivered within the very heart of the community".

# Project Overview

Since approval of the contract award in May 2014, the Western Health and Social Care Trust (Western Trust) and Omagh Hospital Project staff have been concentrating their efforts on the behind the scenes preparation that is currently facilitating the development of the new Hospital.

During the past few months, contractor McLaughlin and Harvey moved onto the Tyrone and Fermanagh site to commence site preparation and initial works. This included securing the site, initiating site surveys and to start the physical construction of the £105 million hospital project.

Reaching the construction stage is the result of a lot of hard work over recent years. Significant work went into completing the outline business case needed to secure the required funding for initial development of the hospital. Omagh Hospital Project staff in close partnership with Todd Architect / Hall, Black and Douglas Architects developed the design and proposed lay out of the hospital. The Trust liaised closely with their colleagues in the Health and Social Care Board to confirm the profile of services that will be provided within the hospital.

Whilst this vast body of work was in progress, the Western Trust, ably assisted by Health Estates Investment Group (HEIG), undertook a series of enabling works schemes totalling £15m. This ensured that the infrastructure, roads, water, electricity and sewage at the Tyrone and Fermanagh Hospital were upgraded and ready to support the requirements of the new hospital.

The first buildings to be constructed will be the energy centre and the Hospital Sterilisation and Decontamination Unit (HSDU) followed by the main two storey building containing services currently delivered from Tyrone County Hospital, Omagh Health Centre and Lissan House.

There will be early construction mock-up of key areas such as a single en-suite bedroom, an out-patient consulting room, a G.P. consulting room and flexible workstations. Trust staff will be involved in evaluating such areas. Staff will be able to visualise their future working environment and the mock-ups will greatly assist operational planning.

Whilst the construction is on-going over the next 24 months, the Trust will be working to finalise the equipment selection, purchase and installation. Commissioning of the buildings is planned for Autumn 2016.

Looking ahead... the project team and key staff such as the relocation leads will work closely and contribute to identifying staff training needs, drafting new operational procedures, identifying equipment and furniture items suitable for transfer and importantly, keeping staff in their departments updated on the on-going progress.

The next two years will be an exciting but busy time for both the Western Trust's project team and the contractor. The Trust is confident that the hospital will be successfully delivered in line with the commitments made by the Western Trust.

# Your New Hospital

**The Entrance / Ground Floor** Public access to the new hospital will be via the Donaghane / Beragh road. A bus stop and car drop-off area is situated near the main entrance. There will also be 863 car park spaces on site over six car park areas. A secondary public entrance is located at urgent care on the opposite south end of the building.

**There will be a covered walk way leading to the main entrance and on the right of that is an access directly into the Renal Dialysis centre.**

**All services are accessible from either of the entrances during the day. During the day it is envisaged that the majority of visitors will arrive at the main entrance; where the main reception/information point, café, retail and waiting area located.**

**Interventional Treatment Centre** This area has been designed to provide a range of services such as rapid response and community oncology closer to people's homes and reduce the need for acute settings.

**GP Area** It is a short walk to the shared GP waiting area with views to the courtyards. Patients and their carers can choose between convenient self-check-in terminals or speak to assistants at the reception desks. The consulting rooms have been designed in close collaboration with local GPs and the latest space and infection control standards. A Community Pharmacy is also located within the main entrance area of the hospital, opposite the GP area.

**Children's Dept** Towards the rear of the entrance will be the children's area. Most appointments for children will be located here with staff such as community paediatricians, paediatric nurses, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, speech and language therapists and dieticians.

**Outpatients Area** Thirty eight consulting rooms will provide adult clinics for a number of specialities such as eyes, hearing,





**Clinical Progress Update, Dr Paul McGlinchey. As the clinical lead for the Omagh hospitals project, and as a native and resident of the town of Omagh, I am delighted that construction of the new Omagh Enhanced Local Hospital has commenced.**

# Clinical Progress Update

The new hospital will provide a state-of-the-art environment for staff to work in and, more importantly, for patients to access investigation and treatment of their illness. It safeguards employment for many local individuals, particularly nursing staff, Omagh having a long tradition of having many trained nursing staff amongst its community.

A modern environment is essential to bring health provision in Omagh alongside the South West Acute hospital and the new developments in Altnagelvin. The Western Trust will have an exemplar infrastructure upon which service delivery and outcomes for patients is constantly also being improved. The new hospital will expand upon existing services available in Tyrone County Hospital.

The new facility will co-locate primary and secondary care facilities and I am hopeful that this will allow an integrated and smooth transition of care for patients through close relationships between GPs and hospital consultants.

The Tyrone County Hospital, which for over a hundred years has served the population of Omagh proudly, has become outdated and a new facility is needed. It has witnessed many births and deaths and

illnesses. In particular, memories of the events of the 15th August 1998 and the subsequent care and treatment of the injured in the hospital will linger long in those who were treated and those who were privileged to care for them. The work performed in Tyrone County Hospital will be marked for posterity in the new enhanced hospital.

Consultant care in Omagh continues to be provided by doctors who also work on other hospital sites, usually either based in Enniskillen or in Altnagelvin. I am grateful to those individuals who support local services for local people in the Omagh area. I am enthused by individual consultants approaching me and offering suggestions as to how they can expand upon, or improve upon, existing services for patients in the Omagh area and would encourage consultant staff within the Western Trust to continue to embrace this project. We will take seriously any suggestion which advances services and work hard to deliver an improved patient journey and the profile of the hospital.

## Omagh Local Enhanced Hospital Timeline

| Activity                               | Detail   | Target Date                |
|--|--|----------------------------|
| <b>Site Preparation Enabling Works</b> | Link Road  | Complete                   |
|  | Demolitions  |                            |
|  | Upgrade of Sewage and Drainage Infrastructure  |                            |
| <b>On Site Start-Up</b>                | Site establishment including securing site boundary and provision of on-site amenities and services. | Complete                   |
| <b>Construction</b>                    | Construction programme for main hospital building, energy centre, HSDU and car parks                 | Summer 2014 to Summer 2016 |
| <b>Trust Commissioning Period</b>      | Staff Training/Familiarisation   | Summer to Autumn 2016      |
|  | Equipping and Stocking   |                            |
|  | Move Plan (transport & logistics)  |                            |
|  | Patient Move Plan  |                            |
| <b>Hospital Opening</b>                |  | Autumn 2016                |

