

The
Baird Family Hospital
and
The ANCHOR Centre
Project



PROJECT NEWSLETTER

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PROJECT UPDATE

By Jackie Bremner, Project Director

During recent weeks, work to progress the architectural plans has advanced, with the floor plan drawings due to be completed in the coming weeks. Later in the year, work to develop detailed room layouts for each of the 1,350 rooms in The Baird Family Hospital and The ANCHOR Centre will get underway. This will be an enormous task undertaken over a number of months and will involve staff from all departments moving into the new facilities.

Some images beginning to show the likely massing of the two buildings (see images below) are also now available and were shared with staff and the public at a public

event in the Cummings Park Community Centre in April 2017 and thereafter at 'pop up' events in ARI, RACH and AMH. These images were also covered in the local press in April.

The main focus of the project team at the moment is creating and costing the design that will be submitted for planning consent later this summer. This will also be included as part of the Outline Business Case due to be submitted for approval to the Board of NHS Grampian and the Health and Social Care Capital Investment Group at Scottish Government later in the autumn.

Construction is due to commence in the summer of 2018. The approach to construction of these two exciting facilities is now being developed by our partners GRAHAM Construction and the wider design team. This is allowing the team to clarify the approach to construction on this busy acute hospital site. During recent weeks, you may have noticed a number of site investigations and other survey work

being carried out to inform this detailed design work.

Work to make sure that we try and keep staff, patients and the public up to date with progress also continues. Additionally, meetings with operational staff and managers continue as we plan for the service redesign changes that need to be put in place, where possible, in advance of moving to the new facilities.

The Baird Family Hospital



The ANCHOR Centre



Project Team office move!

The Baird and ANCHOR Project Team have moved office! NHSG and GRAHAM Construction colleagues are now both housed in Rosehill Annexe (old 'Trusty Teds' accommodation to the rear of Aberdeen Maternity Hospital). Our telephone and e-mail contacts remain as before and our new postal address is as below:

**The Baird and ANCHOR Project Office
Rosehill Annexe
Foresterhill Health Campus
AB25 2ZG**

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SPOTLIGHT ON THE NEW FORESTERHILL HEALTH CENTRE

By Clare Houston, Project Manager

The Baird Family Hospital will be built on the site currently occupied by the existing Foresterhill Health Centre. Construction of the new Health Centre is closely linked with the Baird timescales for getting access to the site and starting our build.



Construction work is progressing well on the new Foresterhill Health Centre which commenced in December 2016. The £7.6 million facility, being developed by HubCo and due for completion around March 2018, will provide state of the art accommodation for Elmbank Group Practice and Westburn Medical Group and will serve more than 15,000 patients.

The three storey facility will also host a retail pharmacy as well as a base for staff from Aberdeen Health and Social Care Partnership. The Partnership will include Integrated Health and Social Care Teams and Allied Health Professionals who will provide Speech and Language Therapy, Podiatry and Dietetics. There will also be dedicated parking which will be for the sole use of the Foresterhill Health Centre.

The facility offers NHS Grampian the chance to demonstrate our commitment to joined up working across Health and Social Care. It has been designed as a strong community facility which will bring together staff from across a range of disciplines in a single setting.

Regular updates are available both on the NHS Grampian Website and our dedicated Facebook Page.

www.nhsgrampian.co.uk/nhsgrampian/InvolvingYou

www.facebook.com/ForesterhillHealthCentre

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES

By Anna Rist, Public Involvement Officer

The Project Team continue to be busy with public engagement activities.

We held an Open Day in Cummings Park Community Centre on 13 April to share the early architects' impressions of the massing of our buildings, as well as the emerging floor plans, with the public and to seek feedback on them. We also set up drop-in sessions in different parts of the Foresterhill Health Campus on 19 and 20 April for staff, patients and visitors. These drop-in sessions were particularly well-received and we have already scheduled new ones for June (see the 'Coming up' section below).



Jackie Bremner, Project Director, with RACH staff in April 2017.

On 5 March, the Friends of ANCHOR kindly facilitated another 'Men's Vision Breakfast' for us at the Chester Hotel. Professor Mike Greaves, The ANCHOR Centre Clinical Lead, took a group of 11 men (former or current patients and family members) through the plans for the centre. Valuable feedback was received regarding the treatment areas. One participant came back with the following comment: 'What a nice way to spend a Sunday morning. I really enjoyed this second Men's Vision as I did not know the vast extent of this project. I went home really excited.'



Professor Mike Greaves, ANCHOR Clinical Lead, discusses floor plans with attendees at Men's Vision Breakfast in March 2017.

The Friends of ANCHOR also invited us back to host a focus group with this year's

intake of Courage on the Catwalk models during the rehearsals for the fundraiser. These inspirational ladies gave us their views on what mattered to them on their treatment journey and how the current services could be improved.

We were also invited to CLAN Cancer Support to give a project update to their Support Volunteers' meeting on 25 April. Fiona McPherson, CLAN Volunteer Co-ordinator, said the presentation was 'well-received and very valuable for our volunteers when speaking to clients about the new centre.' On that particularly busy week at CLAN, we also gave a project update to the Aberdeen Myeloma Awareness Group on 26 April (receiving many insightful comments), and visited

CLAN Haven on 27 April for our regular focus group with patients from the Islands and other remote areas.

We also supported the Kangaroo Care Awareness Day on 15 May by sharing photos from Aberdeen Maternity Hospital's Neonatal Unit to raise awareness of this effective technique that has multiple benefits for premature babies. This has proven to be our most popular social media post to date, no doubt boosted by the photo of the gorgeous twins Harry and Freddy who were receiving care at the Neonatal Unit at the time! We are grateful for their mum for allowing us to share the lovely picture.

Coming up

The Baird Family Hospital drop-in sessions

7 June 2017 – Pink Zone Canteen, ARI, 10am-12noon

7-8 June 2017 – Main Entrance, Aberdeen Maternity Hospital, 1-3pm

Health and Wellbeing Events for people living with cancer

20 June and 26 September 2017 – Fine Peace Café, Sheddocksley Baptist Church, Eday Drive, AB15 6LN, 10am – 2:45pm

Booking essential – please contact Leigh Ewen, nhsg.mcn@nhs.net.

Other News

FOCUS ON JULIE ANDERSON, FINANCE MANAGER, AND KELLY EASTON, eHEALTH PROGRAMME MANAGER



Kelly Easton (left) and Julie Anderson (right)

Julie, a qualified accountant, joined the Baird and ANCHOR Project and NHS Grampian in April 2015. Following studying for her degree at Dundee University she spent her career in Local Government, punctuated with some time with the Fire and Rescue Service and International Development.

Whilst employed to support the Baird and ANCHOR Project, she has also got

involved in providing finance advice to a number of projects, these include Peterhead CMU, Carbon Energy Fund, Inverurie and Foresterhill new health centres, Labs Managed Service Contract and the New Eye Out Patient Department.

Julie also has an interest in international development and spends some of her leave combining her interest in travelling and knowledge sharing by undertaking assignments building financial management capacity with grassroots NGOs in developing countries. This has taken her to India, Sierra Leone, Ghana and Malawi. During her recent trips to Malawi, she has kept the project team entertained with mini blogs portraying her experiences.

Kelly has worked within the eHealth Department of NHS Grampian for over 21 years. Kelly began her NHS career in the PAS support team in 1997 then moved through a variety of roles within eHealth until moving into project management from 1999. Kelly has been the project/ programme manager on a number of high profile IT application implementations

including ECCI, Trak PMS implementation and the Electronic Patient Record (EPR) development.

More recently Kelly has been involved in the Acute EPR programme and with Maternity and Neonatal EPR projects. Kelly is currently working within the Baird and ANCHOR team and Elective Care

Programme team to identify, coordinate and address their significant IT related needs.

Outwith work Kelly's time is spent with her young family and confidently claims she is an expert on all things Disney Princesses related! Kelly is also attempting to train for the Aberdeen half marathon in August.

Project Team's Third Sector Social Calendar

The Baird and ANCHOR Team participated in Maggie's Kitchen Table Day on 5 May to celebrate our move to our new offices in Rosehill Annexe, raising £51 between the NHS and GRAHAM Construction colleagues. We also attended the Friends of ANCHOR's first male fashion show, Brave, on 5 May, as well as its well-established sister event, Courage on the Catwalk on 6 and 7 May.

We were delighted to be invited again to the Sands Beetle Drive fundraiser on 2 June. We are looking forward to a repeat of last year's competitive fun as our drawing skills are put to the test!

Finally, we are trying to get into shape for the Friends of ANCHOR 'Wipeout' obstacle course on 19 August - please come and cheer us on the day (just leave your cameras at home!).

RUMOUR HAS IT!

In all big projects, there can sometimes be misinformation about project facts. Some of these rumours take on a life of their own. This section in our newsletters will try to respond to the rumour mill, at least the ones the Project Team hears about!

Heard on the grapevine...

- **The Baird Family Hospital Patient Hotel will not be big enough.**

The project team have worked with service colleagues and Buchan Associates (independent

healthcare planners) to determine the size of the hotel. The hotel will have 16 bedrooms and will have lounge, kitchen and laundry facilities to allow patients and families to be self-sufficient.

The hotel accommodation has been designed to support the following groups and based on the principle of not having in-patient beds occupied if not clinically required:

- Pregnant women from the Northern Isles and other remote areas who are unable to travel in the immediate weeks before delivery
- Families with a baby in the Neonatal Unit
- Patients from remote and rural areas who will be attending Baird for a surgical procedure on the day of their operation

There are 9 Island Accommodation rooms currently in Aberdeen Maternity Hospital that support pregnant women and neonatal families. Additional rooms were then factored in to the Baird accommodation in order to support breast and gynaecology patients. The project team are confident that the accommodation provided, along with agreed admission criteria, will ensure that this space will provide the required support.

- **All equipment in the two buildings will be new.**

The project is working on the assumption, as with all NHS capital builds, that suitable, fit for purpose clinical and non-clinical equipment will relocate from existing locations to the Baird and ANCHOR facilities in the future. The equipment budget will support the provision of equipment to be purchased new where required e.g. where existing equipment is not suitable for transfer and/or equipment is needed for spaces that are not currently in existence. A detailed equipment identification exercise will take place over the coming months which will involve a member of the project team visiting all relevant areas to identify equipment which will be fit to transfer. Watch this space!

- **It has been agreed what will happen to the AMH site in the future.**

As part of the project, it has been agreed that Aberdeen Maternity Hospital will be demolished when the Baird Family Hospital is operational. To date, NHS Grampian has not made any decisions on the future usage of this site.