



National Treatment Centre Grampian



PROJECT NEWSLETTER ISSUE 3 – NOVEMBER 2022

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the third edition of the National Treatment Centre – Grampian (NTC-G) newsletter. This newsletter includes a message from the Project Director, an update on work to identify a site for the NTC-G, news about the MRI scanner at Dr Gray’s Hospital, and the planned next steps.

MESSAGE FROM MANJU PATEL, PROJECT DIRECTOR

We thank everyone who participated in the options review process and the NHS Grampian Board for giving support to take the project forward with the new site location (see below). The clinical review period is now complete and the Project Team are enthusiastic and ready to progress the next steps.

The NTC-Grampian development will be designed to be both robust and flexible to withstand any technology and sustainability challenges that come our way, and “fit” for the future generation.

PROJECT UPDATE

In our last newsletter we outlined the recommendations from the NHS Grampian Board meeting in July 2022, which included that the NTC-G should be developed as a new, stand-alone purpose built facility and that further refinement of site options was required. Since then, work has been ongoing to identify the preferred site for the NTC-G.

SITE LOCATION

In order to identify a preferred site option for the building, a further benefits option appraisal workshop was held, bringing together a wide range of stakeholders to rank the three new shortlisted site options which were:

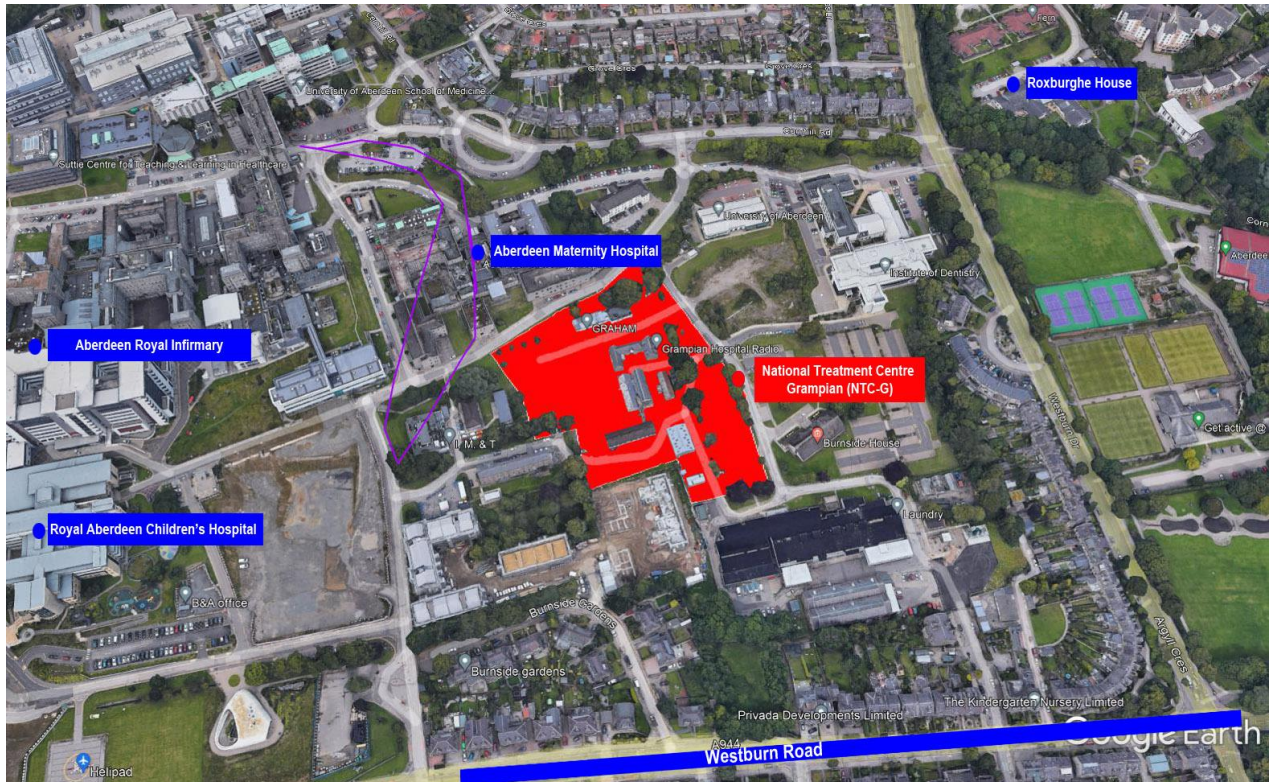
- Gateway site, near TECA
- Estates site, Aberdeen Royal Infirmary (ARI)
- Raeden site, Mid Stocket Road

At the workshop, participants were asked to consider the three shortlisted options against a list of agreed benefits and score each of the options against each of the benefits. The combined scoring then produced a ranking order.

Further work around each of the options, including value for money and risk analysis, was carried out. All of this work and combined outcomes resulted in a preferred site location being identified. The current Estates site on the Foresterhill Health Campus ranked as number one.

Final ranking order:

1.	Estates site (Aberdeen Royal Infirmary)
2.	Gateway site (near TECA)
3.	Raeden site (off Mid Stocket Road)



The image shows the Estates site (highlighted in red) on the Foresterhill Campus.

CURRENT POSITION

A paper was submitted to the NHS Grampian Board on 6 October 2022, detailing the work undertaken around the site location and the resulting preferred site option.

The Board supported the recommendation around the NTC-G site selection, specifically that it will be a stand-alone new build on the current Estates site at the east end of the Foresterhill Campus.

This allows the project to move on to more detailed design and planning for the new building, as well as consideration of options for relocation of the teams/services that currently occupy this area.

You can read more details about all of the work undertaken to reach the final preferred option in the Board paper [here](#), and you can listen to the discussion from the Board meeting at this link - <https://youtu.be/FvkoGxBxVvA>

NEXT STEPS

Work has already begun to refresh the Outline Business Case (OBC) for the NTC-G. This will involve site surveys and development of site plans for the new building. It is anticipated that this work will take around 12-15 months.

In order to progress this work, a revised governance structure for the project has been agreed. This includes a series of 'task and finish' cells which are being established, with a focus on key areas of work including; Design and Contract Management, Communication and Engagement, and Workforce and Education. We will report updates from these key work cells in future newsletters.

DR GRAY'S MRI

Plans for the new MRI at Dr Gray's Hospital have made good progress.

Discussions between the NTC-G Project Team and Dr Gray's Mental Health Team concluded that, in order to allow the construction work for

the MRI to take place, Ward 4 (Mental Health ward) at Dr Gray's should be vacated and clinic services in Pluscarden modified.

Work is now underway to develop a model for the delivery of mental health services during that time. Whilst Ward 4 is empty, a programme of ligature reduction works will also be undertaken.

More details have still to be agreed, including the timeline for the decanting of Ward 4. Once all of this detail is in place, further papers will be submitted to the NHS Grampian Board for approval to proceed.

KEEP IN TOUCH

Further newsletters will be issued to keep you up-to-date with the progress of all aspects of the project.

You can also visit the NHS Grampian website for more information - [National Treatment Centre – Grampian \(nhsgrampian.org\)](http://www.nhs.uk/national-treatment-centre-grampian)

If you have any questions about the NTC-G project or you'd like to be added to our distribution list, please email gram.ntc@nhs.scot.



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