

North East Scotland and Northern Isles Integrated Mortuary Project Newsletter - Issue 3



Overview of site looking East (West elevation in shot)

Winter 2023

Welcome to the third issue of the N.E. Scotland & Northern Isles Integrated Mortuary Project Newsletter. This issue includes a project update and our contractors community work.

Project Update

Since our last edition, construction has progressed, marked by the successful pouring of the ground floor slab and the completion of substructure brickwork. The building is really starting to take shape and the new structure is becoming increasingly visible from multiple points across the Foresterhill campus.

Behind the scenes, our dedicated team continue to work on ensuring the design seamlessly adapts to evolving requirements. The New Year will see the arrival of roof trusses, a pivotal step that brings us ever closer to being wind and water tight.

Procurement of essential equipment is well underway, along with the planning for the commissioning and training phases needed for operation. Our paramount focus rests on ensuring that the equipment not only meets immediate needs but is also future proof, requiring collaborative input from a diverse group of stakeholders.

In tandem with this commitment to functionality, we are also mindful of our environmental responsibility, including recycling and sustainability, and are actively engaged in the thoughtful transfer and reuse of materials and equipment wherever possible, particularly at our existing mortuary sites.



East elevation.



Garage area (looking towards SE corner of the building).

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Working with the community
update from Liz McIntyre, Kier Corporate Social Responsibility Coordinator

Women in construction event

As part of a new programme designed and delivered with our Job Centre partner in Aberdeen, we held a 'women in construction event' on 15 November 2023. Kier staff were joined by Julie Davidson, Hays Recruitment and Manju Patel, Project Director, NHS Grampian who spoke about career pathway and progression.

The morning session was about the construction sector, Kier itself, the Integrated Mortuary project, routes into construction and personal pathways. The focus of the second session was job search techniques.

Some attendees stayed to do mock interviews and have a review of their CV. Five of this group have applied for admin placements with us and we have offered two placements to start off with in the new year.



Featured: Manju Patel, Project Director with some of the event attendees.



Pictured: Liz McIntyre & Jason Peden from Kier speaking with students.

Empowering the next generation of builders at Hazlehead Academy

In November, Hazlehead Academy welcomed Jason Peden, Project Manager at Kier Construction, and Liz McIntyre, Corporate Social Responsibility Coordinator, to inspire and enlighten a group of 38 enthusiastic pupils about construction careers.

The focus was on the various pathways and routes into the construction industry, shedding light on the diverse opportunities available. Jason Peden, drawing from his wealth of experience, shared his personal journey with the students, offering a glimpse into the challenges and triumphs of a career in construction.

What made the session truly impactful was Jason's inspirational talk about how an opportunity extended by someone who recognised his potential changed his career. His story related with the young minds present, creating a sense of inspiration in the room.

The event not only provided valuable insights into construction careers but also served as a testament to the power of mentorship and sharing personal experiences. It underscored the significance of recognising and nurturing the potential in every individual, leaving a lasting impact on the students' perspectives on their own futures.

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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To learn more about the project and get an in-depth look at the new Mortuary's location and interior plans, simply visit our website or scan the QR code provided.



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