



**DEVELOPING BETTER SERVICES
JUNE 2004 UPDATE**

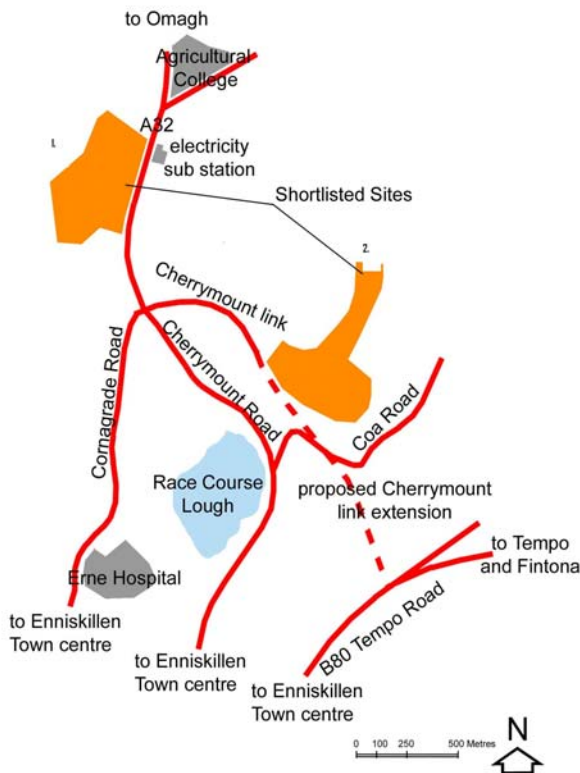
POTENTIAL SITES FOR NEW HOSPITALS

INTRODUCTION

Ferguson McIlveen, Planning and Environmental Consultants were commissioned by Health Estates on behalf of the Trust to advise on the most suitable site for both the acute hospital to the north of Enniskillen and the new local Hospital for Omagh.

The recommendations are 2 shortlisted sites for Omagh and 2 shortlisted sites for Enniskillen.

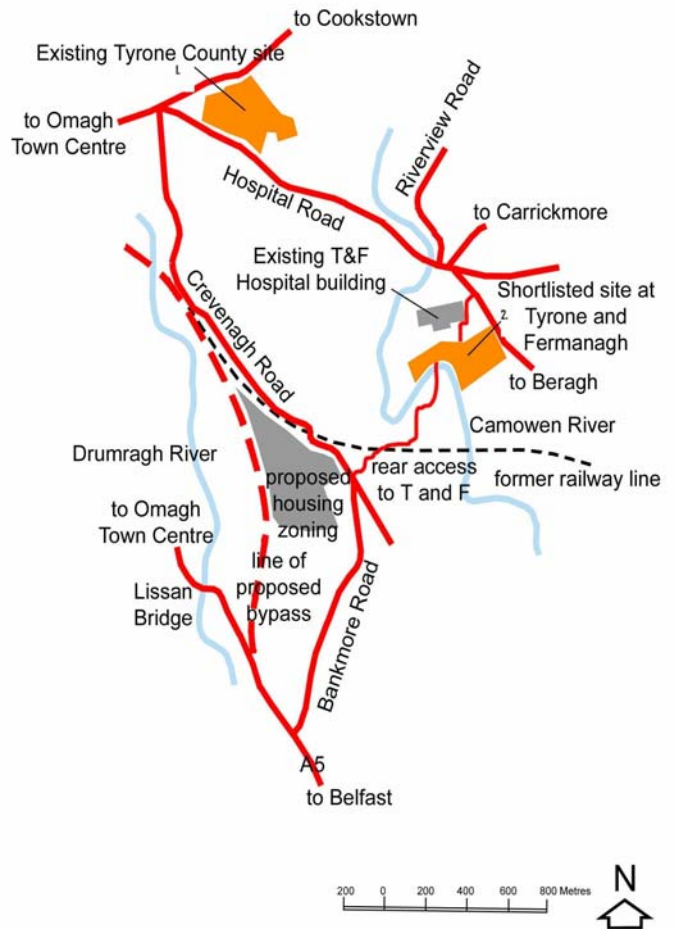
Enniskillen Map Showing Shortlisted Sites



Enniskillen

1. A32, Irvinestown Road, Enniskillen (Drumcoo /Wolf Lough Site)
2. Carran Business Park, Enniskillen

Omagh Map Showing Shortlisted Sites



Omagh

1. Tyrone County Hospital Site, Hospital Road, Omagh
2. Tyrone and Fermanagh Central Site, Donaghane Road, Omagh

SITES FOR NEW HOSPITALS

- The shortlisted sites for both the new and local hospitals will be subject to a quality assessment
- An architectural and environmental analysis of the shortlisted sites is being carried out
- The suitability of the sites in relation to the development of the hospital is being prepared
- The quality of the sites in terms of what it has to offer patients and staff is important and is a determining factor
- A Business Case for the sites has been approved by the Trust Board for submission to the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety

SITE ACQUISITION - OUTLINE BUSINESS CASE

- At a meeting held on 17 June 2004, the Trust Board approved as a first choice for the site as the A32 Irvinestown Road (Drumcoo/Wolf Lough site), but confirmation of this is subject to further discussions.
- In relation to the local hospital, it is recommended that both sites should be taken forward for further evaluation as part of the Outline Business Case

SUBGROUPS UPDATE

A number of subgroups have been set up throughout the Trust and are involved in developing operational policies. Once these policies are complete they will act as guides for the design team to plan the hospital buildings. These groups are being assisted by advisors from Health Estates based in the Department.

Outlined below are some of the subgroups which are meeting on a regular basis. A further update on additional subgroups will be provided in the next DBS Newsheet.

- Elective/Ambulatory Care—staff from day surgery have visited other sites as part of their research.
- Women and Children—workshop was held on 11 May involving staff from the Trust, WHSSB, Health Estates, Department of Health and local service users.
- Theatre—a generic operational policy for the theatre department has been developed.
- Critical Care—networks are being established with both the Royal and Ulster Hospitals.
- Education Facilities—Annetta Quigley, (Senior Nurse) and a range of Trust staff have met to develop an operational policy describing an educational facility which will have a large lecture room, seminar rooms and clinical skills rooms
- Ambulance Stations—Alan Cahill, Divisional Officer has met with Health Estates and the Trust to plan the new ambulance stations for both hospitals.
- Finance Group—the group are meeting monthly and have prepared a report for the Audit Committee.
- Wards—32 nurses from across both sites visited the Mater and Royal Victoria Hospitals on 27 May.
- Imaging—staff have been meeting with advisors from Health Estates. This work is ongoing.
- Laboratory—a first draft of the operational policy is complete.

Trust staff are continuing to network with other hospitals throughout the UK. An update on visits will be provided in the next Newsheet.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT EVENTS

The Trust has held Open Spaces Events on 15 and 16 June in Omagh and Enniskillen. The purpose of these events was to engage the views of representative individuals within the West Tyrone and Fermanagh Communities.

The Trust Chairman has written to a range of key community groups and business stakeholders inviting them to participate in one of the events to influence the development of future services and explore how future public/community involvement in plans might be achieved.

An independent facilitator, Mr Malcolm Piggot, who has extensive experience of public

involvement assisted Trust staff at these events.

Storyboard/Information Stands are also being displayed throughout various healthcare facilities in the Trust area.

A schedule of the events including dates, venues for the displays can be accessed via the Noticeboard section of Trustnet (click on events) or by contacting Sharon Kerr, Communications Support Officer, DBS Project Team at ext 5822 or email skerr@slt.n-i.nhs.uk.

BUSINESS CASES

Strategic Context

- PricewaterhouseCoopers (PWC) has completed the Strategic Context document for the new acute hospital and local hospital.
- This was submitted to the Trust Board and approved at their meeting on 17 June.

Outline Business Case

- PWC are in the process of developing the Business Case on how the services will

operate in the new hospital and how they interface with primary and community services.

- Meetings with Trust staff to gather the information required for the Business Case are ongoing.

The Developing Better Services Project Team would like to take this opportunity to thank staff for their contribution and co-operation to date.

INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY

ICT will be key to supporting the delivery of the new modernised health and care services. A business case will be completed to identify the different systems and services that will be needed to support the clinical and support service areas. A Project Manager will be recruited to co-ordinate the Business Case.

The Trust have developed a Business case to replace all our community patient/client systems.

The ICT systems will be put in place that bring together our acute hospital, community and social care services and also enable us to work beyond our own boundaries to other area, regional and primary care services.

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Feedback

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