

# Staff Bulletin

## New Hospitals for the South West (NI)

### Health Minister confirms investment in New Hospitals for the South West



The Minister for Health, Michael McGimpsey, Senior Western Trust Personnel and representatives from Omagh District Council and the Omagh Chamber of Commerce review the designs for the new Omagh Hospital Complex.

On the 10th December 2008, the Western Trust welcomed the Health Minister, Michael McGimpsey, to the New Hospital projects for the South West. The Minister's schedule included a visit to Omagh and Enniskillen, where he viewed plans for the new local and acute hospitals. During his visit, the minister met with representatives from both Omagh and Fermanagh District Councils, staff from the Erne, Tyrone & Fermanagh and the Tyrone County Hospital's, hospital Chaplains and community representatives.

Following a presentation on the designs for the New Hospitals, the Minister said: "Securing a high quality and world class health service for the people of the South West continues to be a key priority for me and my Department. I am committed to this substantial investment in a new acute hospital for Enniskillen and a new local hospital in Omagh as well a mental health in-patient unit and a health and care centre. All of these projects will provide the whole community with modern healthcare facilities fit for the 21st century."

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The Minister confirmed an investment of £58 million in capital over the next three years to improve health and social care services and facilities in the Western Trust area. The funding is part of a total planned investment of £570 million over the next ten years for the area.

The Chairman of the Western Health and Social Care Trust Gerard Guckian welcomed the Minister's announcement. He said: "The Western Trust will work in partnership with the Department of Health to provide the best possible health and social care for the population of the West. The Department's planned investment will allow for commencement of a New Local Hospital in Omagh, the New Acute hospital in Enniskillen and the continued development of the Tower Block at Altnagelvin Area Hospital and the Radiotherapy Centre as well as developments for community-based facilities for example the Lisnaskea Health and Care Centre."

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Reaches Financial Close**

# Omagh Hospital Complex: Project Update

## Omagh Hospital Complex: Design Road shows

The New Hospitals for the South West Project Team will be displaying the latest design concepts for the New Omagh Hospital Complex in a series of Roadshows in venues across the south west of County Tyrone. Everyone is welcome to come along and examine the designs for the healthcare facility. Comment cards will be available for you to have your say on the proposals for this new and exciting development.

The Omagh Hospital Complex will provide a new local hospital for Omagh, a Health and Care Centre and a Centre for Mental Health. The new, modern facilities are to be built on the site of the existing Tyrone & Fermanagh hospital. This £190 million project is re-designing the delivery of local healthcare around a local hospital type model, integrating hospital, community, and primary care services.

Developed using a concept similar to a 'Health Village', the Omagh Hospital Complex will consolidate services on one site, enable integrated working among health professionals and build effective regional and national healthcare networks. This project is now entering the procurement phase with the search for a contractor to provide the new facilities for 2013.

To see when we will be in your area; please refer to the timetable below:

Venue	Date
Castledearg Library	27th April – 1st May 2009
Strabane Library	2nd – 8th May 2009
Fintona Library	11th – 15th May 2009
Omagh Library	18th – 22nd May 2009
Public Service Office: High Street Omagh	25th – 29th May 2009
Tyrone County Hospital: Staff Canteen	1st – 5th June 2009
Tyrone & Fermanagh Hospital: Staff Canteen	8th – 12th June 2009
Centre 2000: Newtownstewart	15th - 19th June



## Site Preparations Underway for Omagh Hospital Complex

The Tyrone and Fermanagh Hospital site has been the hive of much activity over the winter months with works underway to prepare the site for the New Omagh Hospital Complex.

The through-road, from the Donaghanie and Bankmore Roads to the Crevenagh Road, has been closed as a result of the ongoing site preparations. However we have been informed by the contractor that this will reopen again on the 24th April 2009.

Work is also progressing on the site of new Drumragh Integrated College. The new £21m facility, on schedule to open in the summer, is nearing the end of their road infrastructure improvements, including the development of a new roundabout at the Crevenagh Road entrance.

The programme of site preparation works for the New Omagh Hospital Complex, valued at £5.5m, will provide the infrastructure for essential services (water, electricity, sewage and drainage) for the new hospital and includes environmental measures and some building demolition. This will not only prepare the Tyrone and Fermanagh site for the construction of the new healthcare facility, but will update the current service and road infrastructure. (Please see table below for full details of the site preparation contracts for the New Omagh Hospital Complex).

Working in conjunction with Estate Services and the Health Estates Agency the new Hospitals project Team began the tendering process for the enabling works contracts for the Omagh Hospital Complex in the last quarter of 2008.

Plans are also in place to develop a new link road and carry out improvements to the existing Donaghanie Road. An advert was placed in the Official Journal of the European Journal (OJEU) to seek a contractor for the road works in February 2008, with work anticipated to commence in Summer 2009.

The site preparations have also provided an economic boost for the local economy; with 4 of the 6 contracts currently underway being awarded to Tyrone based Firms. To date the programme has provided employment for in excess of 100 construction workers with 15 of these being new jobs, provided at a time of increasing unemployment rates in the construction industry.



The New Hospitals project team would like to thank staff for their patience and cooperation during this crucial stage of development. The team will continue to keep staff informed of any future delays or disruptions to the normal operation of the site.

## Keeping Camphill Warm



The enabling works programme for the Omagh Hospital Complex (reported on page 7) provided the Western Health & Social Care Trust with a unique opportunity to help one of Omagh's well established community organisations; Camphill Community Project. A by-product of the environmental measures carried out on site; wood logs and chips, were donated to the Community Project to fuel their biomass burner in the winter months.

Camphill Community Clanabogan is a therapeutic community for adults who

have difficulties arising from mental and emotional disability. These individuals are given the opportunity to live and work together with co-workers and their children in 6 households, some large, some small within the Camphill Complex.

The Camphill community is located 4 miles from the town of Omagh. It began in 1984 and now has 80 people living there. For more details on the Camphill Community Project visit their website: [www.camphillclanabogan.com](http://www.camphillclanabogan.com)

### Enabling Work:

Provision of new hot water boiler and steam plant
Sewage diversion and associated pumping infrastructure
Demolition of buildings and removal of asbestos
NIE network upgrade and site distribution
Refurbishment of Oak and Ash villas
Tree Removal
Remedial works to existing buildings within site
Future Development:
Road Infrastructure Improvements: Summer 2009

# New Acute Hospital: Project Update

## Local Opportunities from Investment in New Acute Hospital



**Photo Caption:** Members of the SERP Employment and Supply Chain Working Group for the New Acute Hospital for the South West:

**Front Row (L to R):** Seamus O'Neill, Department of Education & Learning (DEL), Jobs & Benefits Office; Brian Furlong, Northern Ireland Health Group (NIHG); Maria Hackett, Southwest College.

**Back Row (L to R):** Brian McAleer, New Hospitals for the South West, Western Health & Social Care Trust; Therese Hogg, NIHG; Tony McCusker, NIHG; Cyril Keegan, FCC Elliott Healthcare; Darragh Elliott, FCC Elliott Healthcare; Lorna Thompson, DEL.

A key objective of the New Hospitals for the South West is to work with Selected Tenderer, Northern Ireland Health Group, to bring the maximum benefit to the local economy from the £267 million investment. This not only includes capitalising on the employment opportunities in the locality, but also tackling issues such as social exclusion and long-term unemployment, equality and diversity and realising local supply chain opportunities through the implementation of the preferred bidders Socio-Economic Regeneration Plan (SERP).

A Working Group has been established to promote the employment and training opportunities that the project will offer when the contractor starts on-site in the Spring 2009. The Working Group (pictured above) includes the Department of Employment and Learning (DEL), South West College, Invest Northern Ireland, and the Construction Industry Training Board, which are working in partnership with the Trust, Northern Ireland Health Group and the Construction Joint Venture, FCC Elliott Healthcare.

The construction of the New Acute Hospital will require a workforce of approximately 850 staff and it is expected that as many as 200 new jobs could be created. Main contractor, FCC Elliott Healthcare will be inviting expressions of interest from suitably qualified and experienced firms for a number of contracts required from 2009 to 2012. A programme is currently being finalized to promote these opportunities as widely as

possible throughout the local area. Part of this programme included the opportunity for potential suppliers to 'Meet the Buyer'. FCC Elliott healthcare held a series of open mornings at the Enniskillen and Omagh campuses of South West College on the 13th and 20th March 2009. (For further details please see page 7).

South West College is also working in partnership with FCC Elliott Healthcare, the Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) and Invest Northern Ireland (INI) to develop a training programme that will help suitable local firms prepare for the sub-contractor tendering process. Head of Curriculum and Business Development at the college, Malachy McAleer said, "The South West College is delighted to be in a position to add value to this pivotal project for the South West, which is a key part of the College's drive to support local industry. We are working with the Construction Industry Board to offer assistance to companies who have the knowledge and skills to become sub-contractors to FCC Elliott, but who need help with the tendering process for a large scale project like the New Acute Hospital. We plan to roll out a training programme from the Spring 2009, corresponding with the timing of the advertisement of these contracts."

For further information on the SERP Working Group; Please visit [www.nihg.co.uk](http://www.nihg.co.uk)



## Full Planning Approval received for New Acute Hospital

As 2008 drew to a close the New Acute Hospital for the South West Project realised yet another a significant milestone. On December 23rd the Planning Service awarded full planning permission for the 65,000sqm hospital facility, key worker accommodation, energy centre, carparks and associated landscaping.

The receipt of Full Planning Permission has been key to on-site start-up. The contractor will begin to prepare the site for the construction process following Financial Close in early April. This will include preparing access for vehicles and the installation of site huts and accommodation for the construction workers in preparation for the 3yr build programme.

This announcement marks an important step forward in the development of world-class health and social care services for the population of the southwest. The New Acute Hospital is re-designing hospital services to offer advanced methods of practice, using the latest technologies, delivered in attractive and well-designed buildings that meet the needs of patients, staff and visitors.

## A Big Thank You...

The New Hospitals for the South West Project team would like to thank all staff, who so generously gave their time and expertise to assist the team in the development of the Full Business Case for the New Acute Hospital. A workshop is planned to take place late April 2009 to update all senior managers who were involved in this process. We look forward to continuing engagement with you, and benefiting from your involvement in the project.

## Open Day for Potential Subcontractors

FCC Elliott Healthcare, who are partners with Northern Ireland Health Group, the selected contractor for the New Acute Hospital for the South West, hosted an open day for potential subcontractors and suppliers in Omagh College on the 13th March 2009.

Approximately 100 people attended the event, where representatives from FCC Elliott Healthcare, Invest Northern Ireland, DEL, CITB and The South West College were on hand to provide guidance and advice on how to realise the opportunities arising from the New Acute Hospital.

A second event was held in the Enniskillen Campus of the South West College on Friday 20th March, where in excess of 200 people were present.



# New Hospitals for the South West: Design Launch

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## Minister Announces Investment in Western Trust Area...



During his visit to the Tyrone and Fermanagh Hospital in December the Health Minister, Michael McGimpsey had the opportunity to meet and discuss proposals for the New Omagh Hospital Complex with:

**(From left to right)** Michael McGimpsey, Minister for Health, Social Services and Public Safety; Gerard Guckian, Chairman, Western Health and Social Care Trust; Martin McColgan, Chairman, Omagh District Council; Marcus Isherwood, Omagh Chamber of Commerce

After viewing the plans for new enhanced local hospital in Omagh, Mr Guckian then welcomed the Health Minister to launch the designs of the New Acute Hospital for the South West to be built on the outskirts of Enniskillen.

Inviting the Minister to examine the designs for the New Acute Hospital, Trust Chairman Gerard Guckian explained, "The Western Trust is delighted to present the design of our New Acute Hospital to the Health Minister. The design is the result of two years detailed planning during which we examined in detail what would be required from a 21st century healthcare facility to offer the best possible care to our patients. As today's launch demonstrates this has been time well spent. By considering the needs of the patient on each visit through the new hospital, we have designed a truly patient focused facility, with the very latest treatment and diagnostic services".

"The New Acute Hospital for the South West is raising the benchmark and providing a leap forward in addressing key areas such as infection control and maintaining patient privacy, dignity and choice. This learning has also been transferred to the design of the new Omagh Hospital Complex which is progressing with pace to exemplar standards. Staff here in the Western Trust are very much looking forward to looking after patients in these new facilities that they have helped to design".



At the Ministerial Launch of the Designs for the New Acute Hospital in the Clinton Centre Enniskillen, Minister McGimpsey met with the key stakeholders from the Northern Ireland Health Group Consortium, and Trust personnel:

**(From left to Right)** Brian Furlong, Project Director, Northern Ireland Health Group; Michael McGimpsey, Minister for Health, Social Services and Public Safety; Gerard Guckian, Chairman, Western Health & Social Care Trust; Dr Jim Kelly, Clinical Lead, Western Health & Social Care Trust

## Design Concepts

The New Hospitals for the South West Design launch, held in December, provided a unique opportunity to showcase the designs for the New Acute Hospital and the Omagh Hospital Complex to the staff and community representatives who have influenced the overall design concepts.

Considerable progress has been made in the development of the exemplar design for the New Omagh Hospital Complex as a result of a comprehensive engagement programme with staff from all departments and the new Hospitals Community Design and Liaison Forums. The resulting design developments for the new Local Hospital, Centre for Mental Health and Health and Care Centre integrated the invaluable observations into hospital services and patient care provided by these key groups.

The new local hospital in Omagh, which will be built on the site of the existing Tyrone and Fermanagh Hospital in the town, represents an exciting and innovative development, which will bring together primary, community, mental health and intermediate care services on the one site.

The launch of the designs of the New Acute Hospital for the South West, to be built on the outskirts of Enniskillen, off the main A32 Irvinestown Road, revealed what the new state-of-the-art facility will look like when it opens in 2012.

The new hospital, which will be the first in Northern Ireland with 100% single en-suite rooms, has been designed by selected tenderer, Northern Ireland Health Group in close consultation with Trust staff and local community representatives, many of whom were in attendance at the event.

The New South West Hospital, which has an expected completion date of 2012, is re-designing hospital services to offer advanced methods of practice, using the latest technologies, delivered in attractive and well-designed buildings that meet the needs of staff, patients and visitors.



Above: An aerial view of the New Omagh Hospital Complex



Above: An example of a single room from a Centre for Mental Health

The new facility will deliver a wide range of services including acute medicine, accident and emergency services, day and elective surgery, paediatrics and older people care services, critical care, imaging and diagnostics and consultant-led maternity services.



New Acute Hospital (from left to right): Entrance Forum / Education Centre / Single Room

