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Tyrone and Fermanagh Hospital Graveyard

In April 2007, as part of the handover arrangements between the former Sperrin Lakeland Trust and the new Western Health and Social Care Trust the issue of the old burial ground, in relation to the new hospital development, was highlighted.

An extensive consultation process was completed at the end of August which reflected strong representation advocating the retention of the old burial ground in its current location.

Further work was undertaken by the Trust's Hospital Design Team and as a consequence the Trust is now proposing a repositioning of the new Hospital complex within the site to avoid the need for any re-interment. The repositioning design solution has been developed to remain within existing outline planning application, cost envelope and timescales.

Welcoming this proposal the Western Trust's Chief Executive Elaine Way, said that "the consultation process was extremely valuable in determining the views of the local communities. As a result we have worked extremely hard with our design colleagues to take account of the views expressed. I am delighted that we are now in a position to propose a solution which reflects the overwhelming majority views and at the same time retain the integrity of the design of the new hospital complex in Omagh."

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