



News Release
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TCH Staff Celebrate Good News

Chairman and Chief Executive of Western Health and Social Care Trust (Western Trust) joined staff at the Tyrone County Hospital this week to celebrate the good news that the construction can start on the Enhanced Local Hospital, Omagh. The announcement was made by Health Minister Michael McGimpsey at the NI Assembly on 23 March 2011.

Western Trust Chairman, Gerard Guckian, said: "The announcement this week has created a very positive atmosphere among staff and patients. We are delighted today to see first-hand the spirits of staff lifted so much by this great news. This is a very joyous day for everyone associated with health and social care in Omagh and the surrounding area but staff in particular have waited so long for such an announcement, they are naturally elated. The Western Trust looks forward to the completion of the Enhanced Local Hospital so that the top quality care which is currently provided at the Tyrone County can be continued in a modern state-of-the-art hospital which is fit for the 21st Century."

Western Trust Chief Executive, Elaine Way, commenting during the visit to the Tyrone County Hospital, said: "The excitement amongst staff from each and every area within the hospital was palpable. It was great to join with them to celebrate this very significant milestone and want to pay tribute to all of the Tyrone County Hospital staff for their tremendous continued commitment to providing high quality care for the people of Omagh and the surrounding areas."

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Photo Captions:

Group 1: Western Trust Chief Executive Elaine Way along with Chairman Gerard Guckian pictured with medical and nursing staff at the Tyrone County Hospital site

L-R Western Trust Chief Executive Elaine Way, Alan Moore, Dr Frances Robinson, Chairman Gerard Guckian, Mr Seamus Dolan, Francey Mackey, Sr Donna Keenan, Sr Bernie Kelly, Harry Thompson, Dr Edmund Hodkinson and Staff Nurse Margaret Mullan.

Back row – Fiona Beattie, Michael MacCrossan, Ian Young, Dr Matt Cody, Deputy Chief Executive Joe Lusby, Dr Paul McGlinchey

Front row – Staff Nurse Petula McHugh, Sr Catherine McManus, Staff Nurse Anne Pearson and Sr Joyce Leary

Group 2: Western Trust Chairman Gerard Guckian, Chief Executive Elaine Way and Deputy Chief Executive Joe Lusby pictured with staff at the Tyrone County Hospital site

L-R Joy Hillen, Alice Ward, Frances O'Reilly, Kerry Whalley, Dr Ed Hodkinson, Donna Cusack, Francey Mackey, Sharon Fleming, Deputy Chief Executive Joe Lusby, Susan Rodgers, Chairman Gerard Guckian, Sr Glenda Ewing, Dr Paul McGlinchey and Chief Executive Elaine Way

Hospital staff: L-R Adele Ewing, Dr Pavel Svrcek, Staff Nurse Anna McDonagh, Pat McGahan, Margaret Bell, Staff Nurse Ruth Kemp, Sr Joyce Leary and Deputy Chief Executive Joe Lusby

Group 3: L-R Fiona Beattie, Dr Paul McGlinchey, Alan Moore, Deputy Chief Executive Joe Lusby, Pat McGahan, Chairman Gerard Guckian, Chief Executive Elaine Way, Sr Joanne McCullagh and Dr Edmund Hodkinson

Cardiac Team: Staff Nurse Florence Harper, Sr Donna Keenan and Staff Nurse Patricia Connolly, Cardiac Assessment Unit pictured at the Tyrone County Hospital site

Palliative Care: Staff Nurse Sandra Smith, Dr Frances Robinson and Nursing Assistant Noeleen McGlinchey, Palliative Care Team pictured at the Tyrone County Hospital site

Nurses: Western Trust Chairman Gerard Guckian and Chief Executive Elaine Way pictured with nursing staff at the Tyrone County Hospital site

Medical: L-R Western Trust Chairman Gerard Guckian, Dr Paul McGlinchey, Dr Edmund Hodgkinson, Dr Fergal McNicholl, Dr Frances Robinson, Deputy Chief Executive Joe Lusby and Chief Executive Elaine Way