

# New Hospital News

SUMMER 2015



## CONSTRUCTION HAS STARTED

**On 11 March 2015 NHS Dumfries and Galloway announced that they had reached Financial Close.**

Financial Close means that the contracts for construction of the new hospital are now in place.

International construction and engineering company Laing O'Rourke will be building the new hospital on behalf of High Wood Health. They took ownership of the area for the new hospital on 12 March and began installing temporary site offices to support the project during the first six months.

The Laing O'Rourke team began to prepare to lay the foundations for the new hospital immediately after Easter. The key activity in the coming weeks is the excavation of 100,000m<sup>3</sup> of earth and its re-use across the site to form

the structural platforms and landscaping of the new hospital. This is scheduled to complete in July, following which concrete piles will be drilled 16m into the ground to form the structural foundations.

When the main construction works begin in the autumn, the project team will employ 550 people at peak, so the team will also be using the next few months to construct a bigger project office, canteen and other facilities to accommodate the team during the main construction phase. During this time the team will also be recruiting a dedicated community liaison officer, who will make sure neighbours and interested stakeholders stay connected to the project through regular updates and neighbourhood meetings.



## Employment and Training Opportunities

High Wood Health has made a commitment to deliver significant employment and community benefits through the new hospital project.

150 new jobs will be created through the delivery of the new hospital, each of which will be advertised through Dumfries & Galloway Employability Partnership's Total Access Point. Seven people have already been recruited in this way in a variety of disciplines ranging from administration to design management to engineering. The next wave of recruitment has begun and will continue through the summer months, including six apprenticeship opportunities in the fields of Joinery, Scaffolding, Steelfixing and Drainlaying.

### How Can I Find Out About These Opportunities?

Dumfries & Galloway Employability Partnership is working with NHS Dumfries & Galloway to recruit and train staff to work on the delivery of the new acute district general hospital for the region. Dumfries & Galloway Total Access Point (DGTAP) provides a single point of contact for the main contractors Laing O'Rourke to advertise and match job opportunities. A database for potential candidates with a range of experiences from work experience, graduate and cadet placements through to Modern Apprenticeships has been created.

If you would like to find out more about a range of employment opportunities working with Laing O'Rourke on this exciting project please contact DGTAP on [DGEmployability@dumgal.gov.uk](mailto:DGEmployability@dumgal.gov.uk) or an Employer Engagement Officer on 01387 245191.

### Local Schools

To make the most of the learning opportunities, High Wood Health, assisted by DGTAP, is also working closely with schools and colleges to connect the project with the curriculum. In March, the team supported the Dumfries and Galloway jobs fair, meeting students from all schools in the region; and construction partners Laing O'Rourke will be main sponsors of this year's Schools Challenge at Dumfries and Galloway College in June. Starting in the next academic year and continuing throughout the delivery phase, a total of 50 work experience placements will be available for students from Dumfries & Galloway College and local secondary schools.

Learning opportunities will also extend to adults, with a programme of activity in development to upskill those delivering the works through the local supply chain.

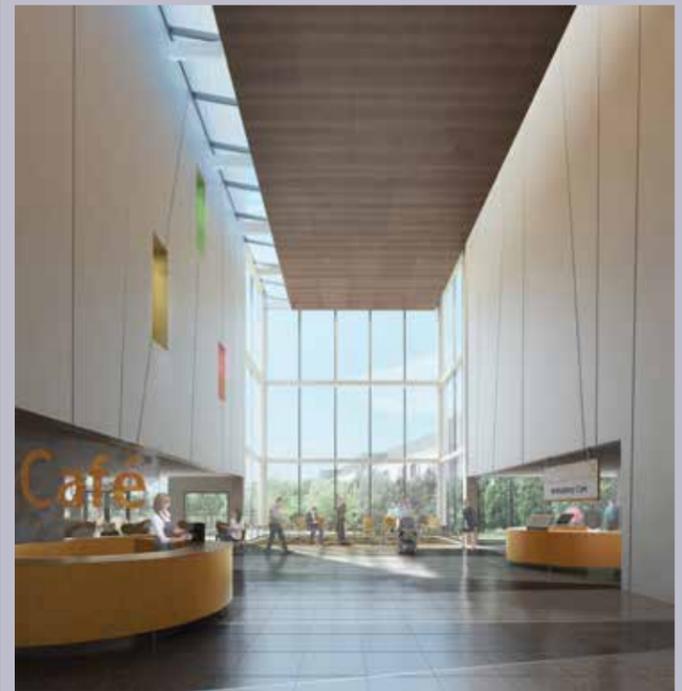
## New Look Website

This year you will be able to access a new public facing website dedicated to the four major changes coming your way; the New Hospital, the Cresswell Re-development, the Clinical and Service Change Programme and Health and Social Care Integration. The website will be called DG Change and will be updated regularly to inform the public of all that is going on with changes that will affect everyone. NHS Dumfries and Galloway look forward to announcing the launch of this exciting new website this summer.

We are keen to hear your views and suggestions for future communications about any aspect of the project. You can contact the Project Team to find out more about what we do to involve and inform our stakeholders, or to request a presentation for a group in your community.

Tel 01387 241755 Email: [dg.dgriredvelopment@nhs.net](mailto:dg.dgriredvelopment@nhs.net)

'A Virtual Walk Through Our New Hospital' is accessible for staff on the New Hospital page on HIPPO in the Read All About It section where there is a link to the animation. External stakeholders can view the animation on the NHS Dumfries and Galloway external website in the New Hospital Plans section.



## Food for Thought

A restaurant and Deli bar are included in the design for the new hospital. Situated on the ground floor of the building will be a bright and spacious area with capacity to seat 200 staff and visitors. In addition there will be an outside area with capacity to seat 50, this will be accessible to staff and visitors to use, when the weather permits!

The new hospital Project Team have been working closely with High Wood Health to finalize the design and layout, and planning with the catering department for provision to be made for as wide a range of service as possible for both staff and visitors.

In the main restaurant staff and visitors will have the option of hot and cold meals, and 'front of house' cooking. On offer in the Deli bar will be a range of snacks, soups and beverages, including 'barista' style coffee.

Adjacent to the Deli bar will be vending machines and microwave, available for staff and for visitors.

For our staff who are working 'out of hours' this will be convenient for when the main restaurant and Deli bar service are not available.



## A Sneak Preview

Work is in progress to develop 'mock up' rooms for staff so that they have the opportunity to see and experience the layout of a fully kitted out single bedroom and en-suite facility, clean utility, examination/consultation room, and office accommodation. This is part of an ongoing programme where staff have been involved in the development and design of the new hospital, and will enable them to consider the safety, efficiency and functionality of working environments at the new hospital.

Scheduled sessions can be organised for members of the public to view a single bedroom with en-suite facility later this year. We hope that stepping inside a 'mock up' single bedroom, ahead of the new hospital opening, will help people to get a better idea of the benefits for a patient staying in a single room, or as a relative, friend or carer visiting and spending time in the room with the patient.

## Ecological conservation

In the period running up to Financial Close, High Wood Health worked with NHS Dumfries & Galloway to undertake clearance of the site outside of seasons where the works could have had detrimental impact on the site ecology, such as the bat roosting. As part of this work, the project team have worked with an ecologist, and a neighbour to the site, to install new roost boxes for bats in trees surrounding the site that will support the bat population in the coming years.



# What will happen to the Cresswell building after the new hospital opens?

This has been one of the most commonly asked questions in recent months when we have been out and about speaking to members of the public. As part of the overall plan for the re-development of Dumfries & Galloway Royal Infirmary, it was agreed in September 2012 that the Cresswell building would be converted for use as an Ambulatory Care Department.

## What is Ambulatory Care?

Ambulatory Care is medical care provided on an out-patient basis; this includes consultation, diagnosis, intervention, treatment, observation and rehabilitation services. You may sometimes hear people refer to an Ambulatory Care Department as an Out-Patient Department.

It is planned that, after the new hospital opens, the following services will re-locate from the existing DGRI to Cresswell Ambulatory Care Department:

- Audiology
- Community Rehabilitation Unit (Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Nursing)
- Dietetics
- Podiatry
- Catering
- CSSD
- Ophthalmology / Orthoptics
- Physiotherapy & Occupational Therapy MSK
- Renal (chronic service)
- Speech & Language Therapy
- Domestic

The re-location of clinical services to the Cresswell building presents as a significant and complex piece of work which will be carefully managed within both the overall New Hospital Project and Clinical and Service Change Programme.

Detailed programme planning commenced in spring 2015, and we anticipate that the re-opening of the converted Cresswell building will be in 2019. We will report on progress of the Cresswell re-development in the next edition of this newsletter, and also on the NHS Dumfries and Galloway external website.

## Cook Fresh!

Following an option appraisal carried out in 2012, NHS D&G made the decision that Catering Services for patients, staff and visitors would be delivered by the in-house Catering Team using a cook-fresh system of production.

As part of that decision, it was agreed that in order to maintain and develop skills, the Board would support a training programme for cooking staff leading up to the opening of the new hospital. It was also agreed that we would enlist the help of D&G College in developing appropriate training courses for cooking staff to meet our requirements.

### Trainee Cooks

Catering Managers have been working with College staff over the past two years to develop a suitable training plan and we are delighted that we now have two trainee cooks in place at D&GRI who are following an SVQ level 2 course in Food Preparation and Production.

During these two years D&G College were able to secure funding for the development of a Training Kitchen and Restaurant at the Dumfries Campus. This facility will open in September delivering practical training courses for cooking staff and we have been able to secure two places on the first City & Guilds level 1 course in professional cookery. We hope that this will be an on-going programme of training leading up to the opening of the new hospital and for years beyond.

This practical training at college combined with on-the-job experience at D&GRI will go some way to ensure that we have sufficient, appropriately trained, cooking staff available to continue to deliver a high quality Catering Service to patients, staff and visitors at the new hospital.

