Key benefits for patients
The West of Scotland Regional Heart and Lung Centre will provide patients with:

- An integrated heart and lung centre where patients can access a wide range of specialist services.
- Excellent accommodation and environment in a modern, purpose built facility.
- Equal access for all patients in the West of Scotland.
- Access to the adjoining Beardmore Hotel and Conference Centre to ensure relatives and/or carers are close to you during your stay in hospital.*

*available to patients travelling from a distance to the Golden Jubilee National Hospital in Clydebank.

At the heart of our service
Are you interested in helping to shape the future of heart and lung services? We are looking for patients, relatives and carers to be part of our focus group that will give views, influence and be involved in implementing the new service.

Interested?
For more information on the new centre or to register interest in taking part in our forthcoming focus groups, call Communications on 0141 951 5073/5195. Alternatively you can e-mail us at heartandlung@gjnh.scot.nhs.uk
Background

In 2004, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde and NHS Lanarkshire undertook a public consultation on the proposal to establish a West of Scotland Regional Heart and Lung Centre at the Golden Jubilee National Hospital in Clydebank.

The Health Minister gave his full approval to the project in January 2006, with the 44 week long building project commencing on 26 June 2006. It is anticipated the new regional service will be operational by Summer 2007.

About the new centre

The West of Scotland Regional Heart and Lung Centre will be spread over three floors of the Golden Jubilee National Hospital.

The planned facilities will include eight operating theatres and four cardiac catheterisation (cath) laboratories - special x-ray rooms for diagnosis of heart conditions and the treatment of blood vessel blockages around the heart.

The new centre will provide:
- Intensive Care Unit (ICU) beds.
- High Dependency Unit (HDU) beds.
- Cardiology day and inpatient beds.
- Inpatient beds for cardiac and thoracic surgical patients.
- Outpatient facilities.

What services will the new regional centre provide?

- All adult cardiac and thoracic surgery currently carried out at Glasgow Royal and Western infirmaries – including coronary artery bypass surgery, heart valve surgery and other complex procedures.
- All adult thoracic surgery currently carried out at Hairmyres hospital, including lung, oesophageal and chest wall surgery.
- The heart transplant unit will transfer from Glasgow Royal Infirmary. A working group is scoping out what aspects of the advanced heart failure service will also transfer.
- Grown-up congenital heart surgery (heart operations in adults who have had a childhood heart problem) will also be based at the West of Scotland Regional Heart and Lung Centre.
- Most interventional cardiology services, including angioplasty, angiography, electrophysiology and complex pacemakers, will be provided at the new centre.
  - Angiography outlines the heart blood vessels and any narrowing in them by passing a fine tube via an artery in your leg or wrist into the heart vessels.
  - Angioplasty is the technique of stretching up narrowed heart arteries with a fine balloon then possibly holding the narrowed section open with a small metal coil (stent).
  - Electrophysiology is the diagnosis and treatment of abnormalities of the heart rhythm and may involve the use of pacemakers.

The West of Scotland Regional Heart and Lung Centre will be a dedicated surgery unit for planned operations and procedures. Any patients who require urgent treatment will continue to be seen at their nearest accident and emergency department.

Travelling to the new centre

The new centre is centrally located within easy reach of Glasgow city centre and Glasgow International Airport.

Dalibur train station is just a short walk away and numerous buses stop along Dumbarton Road, a five minute walk from the hospital. The feasibility of operating a minibus service from local train stations is also being explored.

The hospital has free car parking for 352 spaces, with an additional 130 spaces currently under construction.

Discussions are ongoing with ambulance service colleagues and public transport providers to ensure the hospital has the best accessibility possible, including whether the proposed Fastlink service along the Clyde waterfront can be extended to the hospital.