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ON the winning side - student nurses and football fans, Emma Walker and Nicola Rodden have a ball outside Hampden at the launch of NHS Greater Glasgow’s partnership with women’s football.
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Our new flagship heart-lung centre

HEALTH Minister Andy Kerr has given the green light to plans to create a flagship heart and lung centre at the Golden Jubilee Hospital in Clydebank.

Concentrating clinical expertise, the latest technology and equipment on one site, the new service will deliver complex procedures to even higher standards.

Supported by other services already at the Golden Jubilee, this will create one of the largest specialist units in the UK.

Services will be delivered on a first of Scotland basis, but the heart and lung service will be delivered on a national basis.

Alan Fainzilber, the Cardiologist surgeon who has taken the clinical lead on the new region, said: ‘This is a project of the West of Scotland centre, this is the model of offering heart and lung patients a dedicated facility on a site on some five years earlier than originally planned.

‘The relocation of existing services to the Golden Jubilee National Hospital as a regional hospital, has brought us to a position to review how we treat heart and lung patients - both in out-patients, in modern, comfortable surroundings.’

The close cooperation between existing units and the new regional facility will ensure that patients from throughout the West of Scotland will receive prompt, high quality treatment from dedicated, in-modern, comfortable surroundings.

The building work for the new heart and lung centre will be tendered within the next three months and will be funded through the National Health Service Scotland’s capital programme.

HEALTH Minister Andy Kerr and the family of Dr Gina McCreath at the official opening of the new CT scanner at Stobhill Hospital.

Mr McCreath family’s proud day

At the request of colleagues, Stobhill’s CT Suite has been named after Dr Gina McCreath, much-respected Consultant Radiologist, Dr Kerr said: ‘Mr McCreath was highly regarded amongst colleagues, not only for his clinical skills, but also in his team spirit and support for others, that the new CT suite is being named in his honour.’

AYND KERR at the official launch of the new CT scanner at Stobhill Hospital.

Major benefits of high speed scans

A new state-of-the-art CT scanner is providing faster, more accurate scanning and helping to reduce waiting times for Stobhill patients.

Based within the hospital’s Radiology Department, the GE Lightspeed32 multi-slice imaging scanner is the most advanced piece of equipment available in Scotland and is one of two recently purchased by Glasgow’s hospitals. The second has been installed at the Western Infirmary.

Recently launched by Health Minister Andy Kerr, the new scanner is already improving outcomes for patients, and does it by offering some of the most advanced technologies to improve patient care.

Health staff at the hospital are already using the scanner, which allows investigations into hard-to-scan parts of the body.

The scanner also also makes investigations to much larger areas of the body for scans.

And, because it works at a higher speed than previous scanners, it takes less time for scans to take place, meaning patients are less inconvenienced.

The new CT scanner will transfer to the new Stobhill Hospital when it opens in 2008.

Mr McCreath said: ‘The new facility is more comfortable for patients. The speed of the new scanner helps patients who have difficulty in holding their breath. The new suite also provides a more relaxing environment for patients and improved facilities for staff. It will help us deliver our target that no patient should wait more than nine weeks for a CT scan by the end of 2007.’

Professor Sir John Arbuthnott, Chairman of NHS Greater Glasgow, said: ‘Once again, NHS Greater Glasgow is at the forefront of bringing the most advanced technologies to benefit our patients. This new piece of equipment is part of NHS Greater Glasgow’s major investment in the Stobhill site and will bring huge benefits to patients in terms of top quality diagnosis, treatment and reduced waiting times.’

The new high tech equipment is not the only investment to CT scanning at Stobhill Hospital. A further £250,000 has been spent upgrading Stobhill’s Gina McCreath CT Suite, where the scanner is housed, providing a more relaxing environment for patients.

Andy Kerr said: ‘We understand the importance of financial investment into our service. Since the December 2003 target has been missed we have not been able to meet patients’ needs. The health staff identify and report suspicion of child sexual abuse.

As many babies and young children encounter abuse at an early age, early detection and intervention are crucial.

New systems and procedures are also being introduced to help health staff and police to work more effectively at an early stage and ensure these are investigated as thoroughly as possible.

‘For patients, staff and visitors there will be no standing at any of Glasgow’s hospitals, health centres or other healthcare sites.

This hard line on smoking is to be taken by patients, staff and visitors from the start of March 2006.

In the future, Health staff will also work closely with social work, education, and the police to make sure such investigations are done up-front to ensure that Children are aware of child protection issues and know exactly what to do if they encounter a child at risk.

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For more information on child protection issues and examinations, contact: 0141 201 9825, or log on to www.nhsgrg.scot.uk, and click on smoking.
NHS Greater Glasgow has taken a zero tolerance approach to violence and aggression against its staff.

Masculinity in the workplace can be a determining factor in the way in which people behave, the researchers say, and this is particularly true of men in positions of power and authority, such as those working in healthcare.

The number of assaults on staff is now so high that a zero tolerance policy has been introduced, with staff trained to deal with violent situations.

The policy has been so successful that it has been adopted by other hospitals across the country.

The people who have been involved in the policy say that it has made a real difference to the way they work and that they feel more confident in dealing with violent situations.

They also say that the policy has helped to change the culture within the hospital, and that staff are now more willing to report incidents of violence.

"This is a big change," says one staff member. "We used to be scared to report incidents of violence, but now we know that it will be dealt with properly."

The policy has also been welcomed by patients, who say that they feel safer knowing that staff are trained to deal with violent situations.

"It makes me feel more comfortable," says one patient. "I know that staff are trained to deal with these situations, and that they will act quickly to protect me."

The policy has been widely praised by other hospitals, who say that it should be adopted across the country.

"This is a model for other hospitals," says one hospital chief. "We have seen an improvement in the way staff deal with violent situations, and we believe that this is something that should be adopted across the country."
Landscaping to top off giant water tank project

WORK on one of the two giant reservoirs believed to be the biggest water storage facilities in Scotland - to service Glasgow is now complete.

Following testing, desilting and other procedures, Bankell Reservoir will shortly be filled with water transported at the Balmore works nearby.

Big enough to accommodate 1,575 double decker buses, the huge underground tank will contain 80 million litres of water.

When combined with a sister reservoir currently being constructed adjacent to the new treatment works on nearby Barmulloch, the two reservoirs will be able to hold around twice the volume of the奔宁一大批 of vital water resources.

The largest portion of treated water in the world. 

Rehabilitating the Bankell reservoir took success in resilience integration.

Final landscaping of the wider area around the enormous structure will be completed during the late spring.

Wildlife areas will be established and surveys taken to monitor the success of the re-creation of parts of the environment that may have been disturbed during the construction process. 

Tunnelling Operations Manager, Duncan Cummins, says the project is now a step closer to reality.

Construction of the 125-metre long, 115-metre deep reservoir, where 240 million litres of treated water will be stored, will have been modelled to determine the most efficient design for the structure.

The next important event will occur later this month when two heavy-duty pumps will be started up and the reservoir will be filled from the 1,400mm diameter steel pipe. 

The filling process will take the water to the level of the service reservoir, the service reservoir which supplies the low-level zone, by the end of December 2007.

The total amount of concrete will amount to just under 110,000 tonnes - more than the weight of 22,000 elephants.

Once the level of the reservoir will be lowered to enable the tunnellers - nicknamed 'Tunnel Tigers' - to fit the piping into the structure.

The station’s hydraulic performance has already been modelled to determine the most efficient design for the structures the raw water is fed by gravity from Loch Lomond to the treatment plant, 40 per cent of which is treated at the Balmore plant.

A campaign is underway to halt fire that is pressurised to keep gas fromCHANGING THE LANDSCAPE

"The new Milngavie Water Treatment Works...a clean investment in Glasgow's water supply."
Antenatal HIV screening is saving babies

ONE of Glasgow’s most successful screening programmes has been the introduction of antenatal HIV screening. This enables women and their babies to be monitored from an early stage and HIV status before birth.

This joint working between NHS Greater Glasgow and the City Council makes this role one of the most unique in the UK: this is the first time that an NHS director will also become a full member of the Corporate Management Team and the local authority.

Scotland’s reputation as the “sick man of Europe” is nowhere truer than in Glasgow. The city centres are defined by the last century’s coronary heart disease, stroke, obesity, as well as a range of other smoking and alcohol-related diseases.

These illnesses are being tackled in a range of initiatives across the city with positive models, figures for smoking and obesity are improving. However, there is still much to do.

Chief Executive of NHS Greater Glasgow and the City Council emphasised these improvements are not happening quickly enough and are determined to improve the health and well-being of those living in the Glasgow and Clyde areas.

Lord Provost Liz bridges health eras

WHEN Glasgow Lord Provost Liz Cameron helped to unveil a plaque to commemorate the engineer responsible for the city’s first water supply it virtually bridged the gap between past and present.

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THERE’S a wee architectural gem that’s hidden in the west end that not a lot of people know about. A hidden gem in the West End is the Alexander Elder Memorial Chapel.

Adjoining the original Infirmary building, the little chapel was built following a donation by the Elder shipbuilding family and opened in November 1925. Designed by renowned Scottish architect, Sir John Burnet, the chapel is one of the very few in the country dedicated to the memory of doctors and nurses who died in both World Wars.

Sir John, who also designed many other Glasgow buildings, including Charing Cross Mission, designed the building that is now the Tom Theatre, also donated the beautiful stained glass windows of his memory of his father, John Burnet, another well-known architect.

Some of the most striking features of the chapel are the stained glass windows, including Charing Cross Mission in Glasgow, were donated by the son of the Western’s then medical superintendent, Dr. Burnet, another well-known architect.

Three of the windows are dedicated to Lieutenant Donald MacLeay, a son of the Western’s Western’s Nurses’ League. The windows were dedicated to his memory, and feature scenes from his time away from the buzz of life to try, whenever possible, to try, whenever possible, to try, whenever possible,

The Western windows were dedicated at the Battle of the Somme during the First World War and received a medal from the Red Cross for his bravery under fire. Two of the windows dedicated to his memory were donated by his father as an acknowledgement of his sacrifice in the service of the nation.

Lieutenant MacLeay’s sacrifice is commemorated in the Western’s Western’s Nurses’ League, which was also donated by his father as an acknowledgement of his sacrifice in the service of the nation.

Apart from Sunday services, the chapel also hosted weddings of staff and patients, including a country wedding at the chapel also hosted weddings of staff and patients, including a country wedding.

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SCOTLAND’S national sport is often seen as a predominantly male only sport.

However, NHS Greater Glasgow is championing girls’ football through a new partnership.

“We’ve teamed up with Scottish Women’s Football (SWF) to encourage young girls and women to take part in the beautiful game... and stay fit and healthy.”

“We’re supporting the West Region Girls’ Football League, a league of eight teams of girls and young women all under the age of 17.

Every week, the young women take part in their teams’ regular training sessions and, just as with boys’ football, the individual teams play each other for trophies such as the League Cup or the Scottish Cup. Local West of Scotland women’s football, including joining a team in the West of Scotland Youth League, contact: Maureen McGonigle at swf@scottish-football.com or visit the website: www.scottishwomensfootball.com

Greater Glasgow is delighted to be supporting Scottish Women’s Football. Anything that encourages young girls to be more involved in this glorious game and introduce more physical activity into their life, is a good thing. Women’s football is one of the fastest growing sports both here and abroad, with around 4000 girls playing football in Scotland alone!

NHS Greater Glasgow’s Chief Executive, Tom Divers, said: “NHS Greater Glasgow is delighted to be supporting Scottish Women’s Football. Anything that encourages young girls to be more involved in this glorious game and introduce more physical activity into their life, is a good thing.

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National Coach, Walter Smith said: “I’m delighted to hear about this partnership. Girls’ football is increasingly popular and an initiative such as this, highlighting the benefits of healthy living and an active lifestyle, will play a big part in developing the sport.”

To launch the new partnership, student nurses, Emma Walker and Nicola Rodden, popped down to Hampden for a kickabout with Hamilton Accies’ Ladies team members, Lorna Brownlie and Lisa-Marie Boyd.

Talented young players, both Lorna and Lisa-Marie play in the Thomson Solicitors Premier League and have played in the Scottish National Squad.

Lorna (16) said: “I’ve loved football since I was very young. It’s a great sport and I love playing. I would encourage all girls and young women to take part. Not only is it great for health, but you make a lot of friends through playing and it’s got a good social life attached to it.”

If you’re interested in taking part in women’s football, including joining a team in the West of Scotland Youth League, contact: Maureen McGonigle at swf@scottish-football.com or visit the website: www.scottishwomensfootball.com

NHS football deal targets girls’ health

A HEALTHY SQUAD - student nurses Nicola Rodden and Emma Walker join Hamilton Accies’ Ladies’ team members Lisa-Marie Boyd and Lorna Brownlie for the partnership launch at Hampden.

EXCLUSIVE

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- WALTER SMITH

One fifth of girls smoke

The tables are turning and girls are fast falling behind boys in the healthy living stakes.

Currently 19.2% of girls in Scotland, aged 15, smoke cigarettes in comparison to boys, who come in at 13%.

Boys are still racing ahead in keeping fit: 46.3% of 13-year-old boys and 18.4% of 15-year-old boys regularly take part in physical exercise compared to 28.2% of 15-year-old girls and 22.8% of 15-year-old girls.

There is staggering numbers of girls and boys aged 15 drinking alcohol.

Almost half of all 15-year-olds in Scotland are drinking alcoholic drinks on a weekly basis.

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