

New South Side Hospitals – Naming

Recommendation

The NHS Board is asked to agree that: –

- 1 That the new adults hospital be named the South Glasgow University Hospital;
- 2 That the new children's hospital be named the Royal Hospital for Sick Children.

1) Background

- 1.1 The Project Director – New South Glasgow Hospitals Project has confirmed to the July meeting of the Quality & Performance Committee that the development of the new adult and children's hospitals has progressed well and as at 16 June 2014, 169 weeks of the 201 week contract had been completed and the project remained within timescale and budget. Contract completion is planned for 26 January 2015, at which point the Adult and Children's hospitals and Car Park 1 will be handed over to the NHS Board. Following a 3 month commissioning phase, services will transfer on a phased programme from the Western Infirmary, Victoria Infirmary, Southern General, Royal Hospital for Sick Children and the Mansionhouse Unit over the period up until the end of June 2015.

2) Name of Adult Hospital

- 2.1 The stage has been reached where the next step is to begin to order the hospital signage for the neighbouring streets around the hospitals and internally within the hospital campus.
- 2.2 It is important to recognise that that the new adult hospital brings together three hospitals onto the one site; namely the Southern General Hospital, Western Infirmary and the Victoria Infirmary. In addition the new hospital campus will have a major University presence, particularly in relation to the Teaching & Learning Centre, Centre for Stratified Medicine and the Clinical Research Facilities onsite.

- 2.3 To give full and proper recognition to the amalgamation of the three hospitals on the new south side campus, its location and the significant partnership work with the University of Glasgow, it is proposed to name the new adult hospital – the South Glasgow University Hospital. The NHS Board is asked to agree to this suggestion to allow progress to be made in designing and ordering the appropriate signage both within and out with the hospital.

3) Name of Children’s Hospital

- 3.1 As with the adult hospital, signage also needs to be ordered for the new children’s hospital. It is not considered necessary to change the name of the children’s hospital from its current name. The Royal Hospital for Sick Children has a proud and long history in providing care and treatment to children from all over Scotland for many decades and it is not bringing different hospitals together onto one site.
- 3.2 It is therefore recommended that the name the new children’s hospital on the South Glasgow campus is – the Royal Hospital for Sick Children.
- 3.3 It is acknowledged that requests have been made to give recognition to some historical and significant names within the hospitals involved in the migration. This will be fully discussed with the interested parties and due recognition will given to the requests received where considered appropriate; recognising that this is a new hospital and naming of the wards has been planned in order to assist the movement flow of patients around these two new complexes.

R Calderwood, Chief Executive

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