

Update to Trust Board on major capital projects

Public Trust Board

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1.0 BACKGROUND

This paper is provided to Public Trust Board to update on the progress and issues on the Trust's major capital projects. It also provides an update on the future of the Muckamore site.

2.0 NEW CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL PROJECT

Works on site continue to progress well, with the substructure phase currently underway. This phase may result in some noise disruption, however mitigation measures are in place to minimize impact.

The positive collaboration with all stakeholders to support effective traffic management around the site has continued, and this has helped to minimise disruption to existing services. The safe delivery of care remains the top priority and all stakeholders are engaged on this commitment. As we approach winter months, the access arrangements for the contractor's use of the "spine road" which serves the Royal hospitals site will remain under review.

3.0 ACUTE MENTAL HEALTH INPATIENT CENTRE (AMHIC) – REFURBISHMENT WORKS DUE TO WATER INGRESS

The Trust are working with DLS to appoint independent experts to undertake a review of the water system within AMHIC, and the other potential areas of water ingress. This report will aim to shed further light on the causes of the leaking pipework, other sources of water ingress, and the liability for the associated remediation works.

The scope of services has been agreed with DLS, and they are currently finalising the appointments of a specialist water expert, a metallurgist and a building surveyor.

4.0 NEW MATERNITY HOSPITAL

The report detailing the Trust's recommended option for progressing the remediation works on the water systems within the new Maternity has been issued to the Minister for Health.

The review into this decision which was previously announced by the Minister is now underway. The Trust understand that the outcome of the review is expected within the next month.

5.0 FUTURE PLANS FOR THE MUCKAMORE SITE

The Trust are currently developing options for the future of the Muckamore site. This process has included engagement with legal advisors and Land & Property Services (LPS).

The disposal or future use of areas of the site could be undertaken in a phased process. This will of course be subject to resettlement plans, subsequent decommissioning plans and the wider review of future service need.