

Core brief

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Introduction

This issue brings you information on service reforms in NHSGGC and cladding in the QEUH.

Scottish Government have today issued the following release:

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde service reforms

Ministerial decision on services at Royal Alexandra Hospital and Lightburn Hospital

Health Secretary Shona Robison has agreed to NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde's proposals to transfer inpatient and day case paediatrics from Ward 15 at the Royal Alexandra Hospital to the Royal Hospital for Children in Glasgow

The Scottish Government has agreed on the strict condition that local community paediatric care provision is maintained and continually improved. This will ensure that communities continue to access the majority of paediatric services locally, with more serious conditions treated at the state of the art Royal Hospital for Children, in line with the national clinical guidelines. [Click here to read the full release.](#)

Decision on children's ward welcomed

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde has welcomed today's (19 January 2018) decision by the Cabinet Secretary for Health, Sport and Wellbeing to approve the transfer of inpatient paediatric services from the Royal Alexandra Hospital to the Royal Hospital for Children.

The Board remains very focussed on ensuring that our local community services to children in Clyde are maintained and improved, with care provided by expert clinical staff.

However when children require inpatient care, Clyde children will now benefit from the same state-of-the-art hospital facilities as other children from across the west of Scotland. [Click here to read more.](#)

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde statement on Lightburn

A spokesperson for NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde said: "We are committed to working with the Glasgow Health and Social Care Partnership to deliver a new health and social care hub for the east end of Glasgow, bringing an investment of approximately £40 million in new facilities to the area.

"The Board re-iterated its support today (19 January 2018) to invest in the area following the announcement by the Cabinet Secretary on the board's proposals for rehabilitation services for older people whilst further work is done to develop proposals for the new facility.

“We remain committed to developing a new model of rehabilitation for older people which results in better outcomes for patients.

“Proposals for a new health and social care hub continue to be developed, in collaboration with local east end communities, and we look forward to bringing these plans to fruition.”

QEUH campus cladding update

Replacement products for cladding panels on sections of the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital and on a section of the Royal Hospital for Children have now been identified and the process of preparing to remove and replace is now getting underway.

Our senior management team, with the support of Health Facilities Scotland and the Fire Service, have been studying the best options to remove and replace the sections following the Grenfell tower block blaze in London.

Despite receiving assurances from the National Fire Officer that both hospital buildings are extremely safe, The decision was taken to replace panels to give extra reassurance to the public, our patients and our staff although the Board has been given assurances from the National Fire Officer that the hospitals are amongst the safest buildings in the UK in terms of fire engineering.

The replacement materials will not change the outward appearance of the hospitals and the engineering process to remove and replace them will not require alterations to the buildings. To ensure minimal disruption the works will be spread over several months - everything scheduled to be completed within 12 months of the building warrant approval being granted.

The total cost of replacing the cladding panels will be in the region of £6m with the works being funded by the Scottish Government.

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