

# New Woodside Health and Care Centre News

## New Health and Care Centre Project Update

In the early hours of Sunday 29 July 2018 there was a fire in the new Health and Care Centre while it was still under construction. Although the fire was dealt with quickly by the Scottish Fire Service there was extensive damage to parts of the interior of the building resulting in the completion date being delayed by several months. It is unlikely that the new premises will be able to open on schedule and the Centre is now expected to open in summer 2019. Once the exact date is known there will be extensive notification to patients and the wider community.

## Connecting Woodside

Connecting Woodside is an ambitious area based project which forms a key component in Glasgow's proposed cycle network and is the first of its kind in Scotland. The project complements many surrounding projects and acts as 'the missing piece of the jigsaw'. Connecting Woodside aims to work with the community to rebalance streets to reduce the dominance of road traffic and to improve streets and public spaces for walking and cycling.

The project is considered as having four main elements:

- Place - Environmental enhancements making the area an attractive place to live and visit.
- Segregated cycle tracks - Safe cycle routes and excellent public transport integration.
- Permeability and connectivity - Improved walking opportunities and attractive pedestrian links.
- Outreach work - At least 5% of the project budget will be allocated for outreach activities aimed at encouraging active and sustainable travel.

The project will comprise a strategic segregated cycle route along Charing Cross, Woodlands Road, St George's Road and Garscube Road to the new Woodside Health Care Centre. The proposals will utilise quiet streets to serve the segregated cycle lanes that will link to the improvements on Sauchiehall Street, the Forth and Clyde Canal, and regeneration work at Port Dundas and Sighthill. Public spaces, walking routes, new pedestrian crossings, electric car and bike hire stations will also compliment the project. Work on the Garscube Road section of the project is expected to begin in 2019.





## Looking Back inTime

Can you remember when Maggie May was number 1 in the charts, Bedknobs and Broomsticks was just released in the cinema, a gallon of petrol was 33p and 2lb of sugar was 8p. In October 1971 Woodside Health Centre in Barr Street opened its doors to 43,000 patients. Here is a newspaper article from the time.

The Weekly News, November 18, 1972.

# YOU AND YOUR FAMILY DOCTOR EVOLUTION THAT'S BIG SCOTLAND

## Over 100 health centres in the pipeline

**V**ISITORS to Glasgow seldom take a stroll down Garscube Road. It's hardly the most impressive sight in the city, lying as it does in the heart of a massive slum clearance project.

Yet, right in the middle of the waste ground and derelict buildings, stands a bright new complex that is drawing visitors from all over Europe.

The Woodside Health Centre typifies the quiet revolution in British medicine, and is the most advanced of its kind in Europe.

Here, in one massive two-floor building are housed the surgeries and consulting rooms of 21 Glasgow doctors, each with an average of 2000 patients. The Centre is really the ultimate in day-to-day medical care.

Whoever heard, for instance, of a family doctor with an X-ray unit, a physiotherapist, nursing staff, health visitors, social workers, a psychiatrist, and even a dental team and chiropodist all in his own surgery?

Yet these are some of the facilities which the Centre provides.

### DiETING and exercise clinic

There are also consulting rooms for hospital specialists, who visit the Centre on specified days each week. The doctors can refer patients to a specialist, and have his report the very same day.

The Centre's computerised filing system holds the records of 42,000 patients, together with microfilm copies of every letter to and from hospitals regarding their condition.

Patients seldom have to wait for the doctor to see them, and there are hardly ever more than three or four patients in each waiting area at one time.

The large, open-plan waiting hall is divided into eight areas, each with comfortable lounge chairs for patients.

The physiotherapy unit consists of a small, compact gymnasium, with the latest apparatus, and also a special "weight-loss" clinic where overweight people, particularly those waiting for an operation, can get advice on dieting, and the exercise that is vital to healthy weight loss.

The chiropody unit has proved a great help to people in the area, while the Centre's dentists have made many friends by their willingness to treat old folk in their own homes when necessary.

### All-night emergency service

The medical staff take it in-turns to man an all-night emergency service in the reception area. Here they are linked by telephone and radio telephone to the ambulance services.

The night doctor also has access to the files of every patient. This means that, in an emergency, he can look up a patient's medical history before going to see him.

The following morning, the patient's own doctor receives a written report of the emergency, and the action or treatment decided upon by the night doctor.

It seems only a matter of time before most family doctors in Scottish towns join together to share the facilities of a health centre.

**T**HERE are at the moment 37 health centres operating in Scotland.

One is under construction at Gorbals, Glasgow, and another at Clydebank should open shortly.

Sixteen are being built throughout Scotland, including such places as Kirkealdy, Airdrie, Dumbarton, Jedburgh, Selkirk, Inverurie, Kirkwall in Orkney and Stockbridge, Edinburgh.

Livingston New Town is building a second centre at the moment, to add to the one already in operation.

In addition 36 are in late planning stages, and 80 others are under consideration.



One is of the leaves engraved on the pavement outside the new Health and Care Centre. Designed by artist Stephen Hurrel.



# The New Health and Care Centre - Floor by Floor

Woodside Health and Care Centre  
891 Garscube Road  
Glasgow  
G20 7ER



Doncaster Street/Garscube Road Main Entrance

## Ground Floor

Community Reception, Treatment Room, Podiatry and Physiotherapy, District Nurse and Health Visiting, Community Clinics and Outreach services including SPHERE; Diabetic Nursing; Anticoagulant; Primary Care Mental Health Service; Social Work; Money Advice and Health Improvement services, Pharmacy and General Dentist.



Main Foyer/Waiting Area



One of the Treatment Rooms



Alcohol and Drug Recovery Services Waiting Area

## 1st Floor

Eight GP Practices, Children's Specialist Service – Children and Adolescence Mental Health Service (CAMHS) and Community Paediatrics Including Speech and Language Therapy



GP Reception Area



Screen at GP Waiting designed by Bespoke Atelier



GP Room

## 2nd Floor - Office Space and Staff Facilities



2nd Floor Office Accommodation



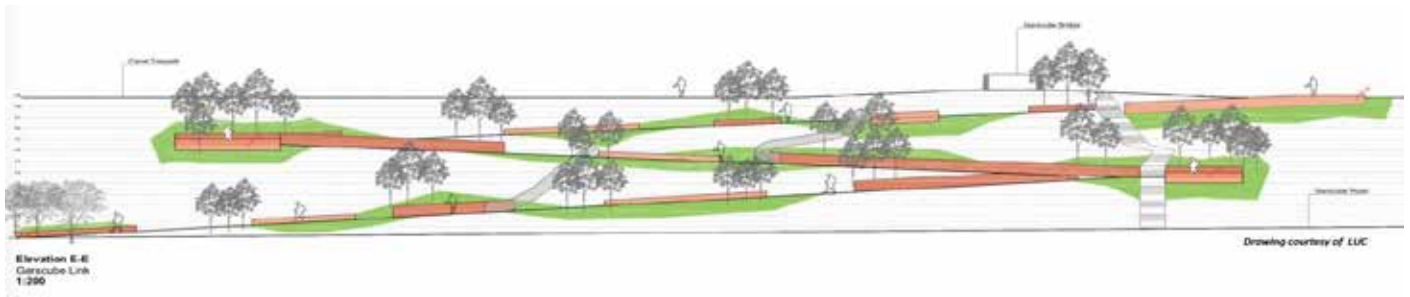
Staff Kitchen

## The Garscube Link

The Forth and Clyde Canal, the Claypits Nature Reserve, Firhill and Applecross Basins are fantastic environmental assets providing opportunities to access green space, nature and pursue healthy activities on the 'door step' of the new Health and Care Centre. Proposals and plans have been agreed to create an artist inspired pathway from the junction at Garscube Road - Firhill Road with the Forth and Clyde Canal towpath.

A series of new pathways through greenspace, seating and slides are designed to encourage people to use this space and go up the hill to the canal. Artworks used in the new Woodside Health and Care Centre - a leaf motif and text, will be integrated into elements of the design aspects of the pathway. The Corten steel supports, box sections and edging will have laser cut patterns and text into the top and vertical sections between the areas of seating enticing patients, visitors and staff to explore the nearby greenspace.

Designed by LUC with creative input from artist Stephen Hurrell



### Keeping you up to date

For more information on any aspect of the new Woodside Health and Care Centre: Contact Gareth Greenaway (Planning Manager) or May Simpson (Community Engagement Officer) North West Locality HQ, 120 - 140 William Street, G3 8UR, Phone: 0141 314 6250 Gareth.Greenaway@ggc.scot.nhs.uk or May.Simpson@ggc.scot.nhs.uk.

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