Minister visits site of New Health and Care Centre

On the 6 July 2017 a major milestone in the construction of the new Woodside Health and Care Centre took place when the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing, Shona Robison MSP, cut the first sod at a special ceremony. The project represents a significant investment in the area with a cost of £20 million and will provide a wide range of benefits for the community it serves.

This includes the transfer of eight General Practices, a dental practice, a pharmacy and other primary and community care services from the current health centre, as well as the introduction of other services, including specialist children’s services, alcohol and drug recovery services, social work services and an older person’s day care service.

Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership (GCHSCP) is delivering this new Centre in partnership with NHSGGC, Glasgow City Council and development partner Hub West Scotland and their main contractor Morgan Sindall. The new Centre is expected to be completed and operational by the end of 2018.

Representatives from all the partners were delighted to be involved in the ceremony and observe progress with the construction of the new Centre on the land between Doncaster Street, Hinshaw Street and Garscube Road.

Morgan Sindall, the main contractor, will operate from the site office in Doncaster Street with construction confined to Monday to Friday, 8.00am – 7.00pm and Saturday 8.00am – 1.00pm.
The Hamiltonhill Claypits were declared a Local Nature Reserve in May 2016. The new Local Nature Reserve (LNR) lies between Ellesmere Street and the Forth & Clyde Canal from the Firhill basin to Applecross.

A main attraction of this 6.7 hectare green space is the superb views from Hamiltonhill over the whole of Glasgow and its location near the heart of the city. The clay from here made the water tight seal for the canal but the ‘borrow pit’ has now become a wetland area and willow scrub used by roe deer and waterfowl.

Access has recently been improved with the completion of the new cycle path at Bairds Brae and enhanced entrance at Applecross Street. The cycle path through the Nature Reserve, from Applecross Cross Street to the eastern gateway at Ellesmere Street will give wider access to this wonderful site for all the family.

A design team, consisting of an ecologist, architect, engineer and artist, have been appointed by Scottish Canals to work up detailed drawings, plans and costings to progress aspirations in the Applecross - Firhill Canal Corridor Masterplan. The ambitions in the Masterplan include developing units on the canal for businesses to flourish and contribute to the regeneration the area, new homes for families to bring vibrancy to the canal corridor, with facilities and accommodation for leisure and cultural activities for local communities. It is hoped that the Health and Care Centre will be linked to the Nature Reserve and Canal by a path.

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**Addiction and Drug Recovery Services at Woodside**

A welcome addition to the new centre is the range of services for people who are affected by drugs and alcohol provided by our Alcohol and Drug Recovery Services - Care and Treatment Team. These services support individuals make positive and sustainable changes in their life and includes:

- recovery based alcohol care and treatment interventions
- recovery based drug care and treatment interventions
- carers and family support
- support to parents in recovery
- support for young people
- harm reduction advice
- access to recovery opportunities including The Recovery Hub and Recovery Communities
- partnership working with a range of health, social work and 3rd sector organisations.
Creating a Welcome through Arts and Environmental Initiatives

There is a growing awareness that a welcoming and therapeutic environment delivers benefits which can impact on health. The Woodside Health and Care Centre has incorporated an Arts and Environmental Strategy into the development which could act as ‘destination’ and open up opportunities for patients to take part in wide ranging arts, cultural or community activities. Research supports that being active in a creative process or activity has a positive effect on health and wellbeing and has been shown to help reduce stress and anxiety, improve well-being and enhance the way we fight infection.

Our strategy consists of a number of projects – all of which were either influenced by patients, staff and local community groups; delivered by patients or produced by local artists.

Our Artists Yvonne Elliot-Kellighan and Marion Parola (Bespoke Atelier), based at the Glue Factory in Farnell Street, talked to patients, staff and local community groups for the inspiration and design of the 3 concrete panels above the entrances. The theme and content of each of the panels link to the local area – nature from the canal, products from the canal industries and architecture surrounding the canal. Internally there will be a warm atmosphere created with artwork in the recesses on the community floor and in the waiting areas which will be illuminated by natural light from the glass canopy of the building.

During the 2016 Easter school holiday, a stone sculptor Tom Allan with the help of Heather Caldwell from Children’s Specialist Services team, ran a week long Stone Sculpture workshop in the Whisky Bond for young people engaged in Children Specialist services.

The theme chosen by the young people was ‘superheroes’.

The summer workshops involving younger children with illustrator Dave Sutton, produced a mural panal of drawings featuring ‘what Glasgow means to me’, ‘my pets’, ‘how we see each other’ and ‘stories we like to tell’. Both the mural and the stone pieces will be incorporated into the Children Specialist Services waiting area.
What services will be in the New Health and Care Centre?

The Health and Care Centre has accommodation for all the existing services provided at Woodside Health Centre and will welcome a number of new services and teams. The new centre will provide modern, high quality accommodation and bring services together improving access and co-ordination of care.

Services in existing Woodside Health Centre:
- Eight GP Practices
- General Dental Service
- Pharmacy
- Podiatry and Physiotherapy Services
- Treatment Room Service
- District Nursing and Health Visiting
- Primary Care Mental Health Service
- Community Clinics and Outreach Services including SPHERE, Diabetic Nursing Service, Anticoagulant Clinic, Rehabilitation Service, Money Advice and Health Improvement Services

New services and teams accommodated in the new build include:
- Children's Specialist Service
  - Children and Adolescence Mental Health Service (CAMHS)
  - Community Paediatrics including Speech and Language Therapy
- Alcohol and Drug Recovery Services
- Day Centre for Older People
- Social Work Teams

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