THE NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

TRANSFORMING THE NEWCASTLE HOSPITALS (TNH) INVESTMENT PROGRAMME

1. INTRODUCTION

The following details the completion timelines for contracted redevelopment of the Royal Victoria Infirmary site.

A presentation will be given at the meeting and plans/illustrations shall be on display.

2. THE NEW "BLUE LIGHT" ROUTE

The access road (leading off Richardson Road) and associated external works for the Accident & Emergency Department is programmed to be complete by 2nd August 2010. This facilitates the move from the Newcastle General Hospital (see below).

3. ADVANCE WORKS

An access route to the new Royal Victoria Infirmary main entrance along with areas of public and staff car parking have been negotiated to be completed early, with the intention of easing the impact of the relocation on a site that is still undergoing major redevelopment. These are programmed to be complete for October 2010.

4. NEWCASTLE GENERAL HOSPITAL ACUTE SERVICE RELOCATIONS

The relocation of the Accident & Emergency Department; Trauma Services; Regional Neurosciences Centre; Paediatrics; and Maxillo-facial Surgery to the Royal Victoria Infirmary site from Newcastle General Hospital is currently scheduled for 6th October 2010.

5. TNH "PHASE 8"

The Clinical Support Buildings, along with the Education Centre are programmed to be complete in May 2012. In addition, the "Culture Centre" is also programmed to be completed in May 2012.

6. TNH “PHASE 9”

The remainder of the demolitions and the external works, including access roads and car parking totalling 1,182 spaces, are programmed to be complete by October 2013. These are all illustrated in the displayed site plans.

7. BEYOND TNH

Proposals for a new multi storey car park site are currently under consideration, with dialogue involving the City Council Planners. The aim would be to increase the site capacity to 2,152 spaces. It could be feasible for this to be complete during 2014 should the scheme proceed.

8. RECOMMENDATION

To i) note satisfactory progress, all of which is more or less in accordance with expectations at the very outset of this major capital investment and ii) acknowledge that car parking infrastructure will be at a premium until the construction of multi-storey provision is put in place.

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