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PROJECT UPDATE

By Jackie Bremner, Project Director



Welcome to the August 2021 newsletter. As you will see from the photos later on in this issue, construction works on both developments are now well underway and are currently on schedule, despite continuing supply issues with specific materials affecting the whole of the UK. This issue is being kept under constant

review with our Construction Partner, GRAHAM Construction.

In parallel with construction, the team continue to work hard to complete the internal design details. This is a considerable exercise which will continue throughout the next year.

The Project's virtual launch event went ahead on Tuesday 18 May 2021. It was very well received and was viewed by over 11,000 people via social media in its first month of being live. If you haven't had the opportunity to see the launch material it is still available and can be accessed by clicking on the following link <http://bit.ly/BairdANCHORvirtuallaunch> or by scanning the QR code below.



During recent months we have been working with our fundraising partner's The Archie Foundation, Friends of ANCHOR and the University of Aberdeen

Development Trust who are relaunching their campaigns following an enforced rest period due to the COVID-19 restrictions placed on us all over the last 17 months. We are working with our fundraising partners to raise awareness, over the coming weeks and months, regarding the campaigns and to describe how they will support NHS Grampian to *Deliver the Difference* in both the ANCHOR Centre and the Baird Family Hospital. Watch this space and also our social media platforms to find out more about the campaigns.

Please follow our project on Social Media for our latest news and opportunities to get involved – and invite your friends to like our pages too!



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Baird and ANCHOR Site Progress

By Graham Davidson, Technical Supervisor



Here comes the technical bit..... We caught up with Graham Davidson our Technical Supervisor for an update on site progress, here is what he had to say...

The Baird Family Hospital site



On the Baird site large amounts of soil have been removed in order to create what will be the Lower Ground floor area of the building. This area will house a small

patient car park. There will also be a number of plant rooms in the lower ground floor.

Piling works have been completed on schedule and this is seen as a major milestone in the project. The ground workers are continuing to prepare the pile caps prior to forming the concrete columns, as well as undertaking the installation of drainage.

The next major piece of work on Baird sees the start of the concrete superstructure, this will result in a large number of concrete wagons arriving on site daily for the next year.

One thing that most people will notice is the change to the skyline with the arrival of three yellow tower cranes. A fourth tower crane will arrive shortly and this will be the tallest of all. The cranes are situated in such a manner that they will each serve one of the four zones (North, South, East and West of the building) and will remain in place until the superstructure has been completed.



The ANCHOR Centre site



The ANCHOR Centre has also seen rapid progress since work started on site in January. Piling works were completed in May, which allowed the pouring of the concrete floor slabs in the Lower Ground Floor, and the majority of below ground drainage has now been installed and tested.

August sees the concrete team complete their work and the start of the steelwork, another significant milestone for the building. ANCHOR is a slightly different construction from Baird in that the upper floors of the building are constructed using a steel frame. Once the steel beams start to be bolted together the outline of the building will rapidly take shape and I am sure this will be an exciting time for everyone.



An Introduction to Commissioning....

By Nicola Robertson-Brechin, Commissioning Manager, Baird and Louise-Anne Budge, Project and Commissioning Manager, ANCHOR

In a big project like Baird and ANCHOR there are so many different people and teams involved in bringing plans into reality. Two of those people who are heavily involved are Louise-Anne Budge (Service and Commissioning Project Manager for The ANCHOR Centre) and Nicola Robertson-Brechin (Commissioning Manager for The Baird Family Hospital). We recently caught up with them so you can see who is leading on making sure both buildings and the services that will move into them, are ready in every respect - other than actually building the buildings themselves (although they both occasionally can be seen on site with their hardhats on).



"I am Nicola Robertson-Brechin (formely Nesbitt) and I am the Commissioning Manager for The Baird Family Hospital. I have worked for NHS Grampian for the past 35 years with the last three years working on this project.

I am leading on the commissioning for this exciting new building and look forward to working closely with the teams and services moving into the Baird in the not so distant future. More information will follow in future newsletters and I look forward to sharing this with you. Should you have any queries please contact me on nicola.robertson-brechin@nhs.scot."



"Hello, I am Louise-Anne Budge (Louise please – anything more formal and I always feel that I am in trouble!), Service and Commissioning Project Manager.

I have worked in the NHS (Caithness and Sutherland and now NHS Grampian) for nearly 30 years in different roles, including project and operational management, joining the Project Team 6 years ago.

I'll be leading on the delivery and implementation of the commissioning strategy and programme for The ANCHOR Centre. Staff, patient, public and partnership working is crucial in achieving this, providing a great opportunity for people to be involved in lots of different areas.

Our next newsletter will give more information on the commissioning strategy (it is like a really long, detailed to-do list) but if I can help with any queries in the meantime, please get in touch on louise-anne.budge@nhs.scot."

WELCOME TO THE TEAM

Jayne Forrest, Baird Project Midwife



We caught up with Jayne Forrest who recently started with the team as the Project Midwife for The Baird Family Hospital. Here's what Jayne had to say...

Having been a midwife in Grampian for a number of years I'm delighted to be part of this exciting project and like so many others, very much look forward to the fantastic new facilities that will be available for women and families. In my role as Project Midwife I will be working closely with teams across maternity services, representatives from our local communities and the wider population in the North of Scotland as we work together to ensure the working spaces and general environment in our new hospital are the very best. As the newest member of the team I am currently spending my time getting to know the rest of the team, alongside the processes and work plans (and learning a whole new language of construction 😊).

It's anticipated much of my time over the next year will involve the detailed work of reviewing the plans for each room/space allocated to maternity services within The Baird Family Hospital. This involves checking the rooms/spaces function in the way the teams have requested, now that construction is well under way! I will also be working with the clinical teams to support the smooth transition of services - reviewing policies, new equipment to be purchased and working toward achieving what has been identified in the clinical briefs.

During the pandemic the project team have been unable to provide face to face updates but instead created an excellent resource in the Virtual Launch. As part of the launch you can take a virtual tour of [The Baird Family Hospital](#) (click to view), this provides a wonderful visual of how the hospital will function and look, making it come to life, which is all very exciting. Over the next few months, along with other members of the team, we will be reintroducing virtual update sessions for colleagues and the wider population, I look forward to meeting you all.

Delivering the Difference

Sarah-Jane Hogg, Friends of ANCHOR, Paula Cormack, The Archie Foundation and Kelly Anderson, University of Aberdeen Development Trust

Three charity partners are working together in a unique collaboration to raise funds for the Baird and ANCHOR Project. The Archie Foundation is leading on fundraising for The Baird Family Hospital and Friends of ANCHOR is leading the campaign for The ANCHOR Centre. Both charities are fundraising to 'Deliver the Difference' by helping to provide environmental enhancements, special finishing touches and additional clinical equipment in both buildings that experience tells us makes all the difference to our patients. The University of Aberdeen will be fundraising to expand and accelerate their innovative research within these two outstanding new facilities. We recently caught up with our charity partners for an update and this is what they had to say.....



The ANCHORED Together appeal is Friends of ANCHOR's most ambitious campaign to date. The appeal target is to raise £2million, over and above the core project cost, to *Deliver the Difference* for The ANCHOR Centre with upgraded equipment, improved furnishings, enhanced wellbeing spaces and a boosted patient experience.

Next year marks 25 years since Friends of ANCHOR was founded, to support NHS Grampian in serving the needs of oncology and haematology patients attending the hospital. The charity's investment in leading equipment and technology to optimise patient outcomes, in pioneering oncology and haematology research, in wellbeing services and support for patients at their bedside and during treatment, and in staff

development, have all supported NHS Grampian in its ambitions towards clinical excellence.

The ANCHOR Centre has been a long-awaited ambition and we are delighted to have the privilege to help make it a reality for staff and patients.

Every penny raised through our appeal will be invested directly into the new Centre, as all running costs for the charity are fully covered by its key supporter, Balmoral Group. The scope of the ANCHORED Together fundraising impact will be wide and we look forward to sharing more information in future newsletters.

Once the Centre opens, Friends of ANCHOR will continue its longstanding commitment to oncology and haematology patients. Daily in the Centre and the wider hospital setting (including the ANCHOR inpatient wards and Breast and Gynecology services that will be delivered in Baird), our wellbeing services will be available on and off the treatment floor for patients, and the charity's funding streams for research, equipment and clinical excellence will continue too, to support the additional funding needs over-and-above NHS Grampian's core commitments.

To find out more about Friends of ANCHOR's ANCHORED Together appeal or to get involved in fundraising for the campaign, please visit anchoredtogether.co.uk or email us at info@friendsofanchor.org.

The ANCHORED
together
appeal



Professor Lynda Lynch, Chair NHS Grampian

“For almost 25 years, patients from across North-east Scotland have benefitted from the passionate commitment of Friends of ANCHOR and I am delighted that this will continue as we look forward to opening the doors on our new ANCHOR development. I am sure the generosity of all those who will support the ANCHORED Together appeal will make a positive difference providing the ‘additional extras’ beyond the core NHS provision. These finishing touches and additional services will ensure this is a Centre to be proud of for the ANCHOR staff and for the patients and their loved ones.”

The Archie
Foundation



We're here for you

The Archie Foundation is proud to partner with NHS Grampian to help *Deliver the Difference* at the new Baird Family Hospital in Aberdeen. The collaboration with Friends of ANCHOR, the University of Aberdeen and NHS Grampian Endowments is really special and we are honoured to be part of this ambitious programme.

When Friends of the Neonatal Unit joined forces with The Archie Foundation in 2016 there was already excitement and ambition for the potential build of a new maternity and neonatal unit and to repeat what Archie had achieved through fundraising for The Royal Aberdeen Children's Hospital (RACH) and the Highland Children's Unit in Inverness. Both facilities were enhanced to make them more aesthetically pleasing, child friendly and welcoming for young patients and their families.

The Archie Foundation has been in existence for 21 years and experience tells us that Archie's support will make the world of difference to the babies and families cared for at The Baird.

We aim to raise £2million to fund the vital finishing touches and additional specialist equipment that will transform this clinically state-of-the-art hospital into a world-class facility.

Included in the plans for The Baird is a "Patient Hotel". This facility will allow

parents to be on-site 24/7, helping keep families together through challenging times.

Our experience of running the Archie Family Centre (parent accommodation) at RACH shows us day to day how priceless this facility is for families.

There are many ways to get involved in supporting The Archie Foundation's Baird Appeal, more information can be found at www.archie.org/baird-family-hospital-appeal. Through working in partnership with NHS Grampian and our local community,

Looking Forward Giving Back

The University of Aberdeen is proud to be working in partnership with Friends of ANCHOR and The ARCHIE Foundation to 'Deliver the Difference' for The Baird Family Hospital and The ANCHOR Centre.

By raising funds for the University of Aberdeen's innovative medical research, we will contribute to the success of these two outstanding new facilities. Working closely with NHS Grampian doctors, nurses and patients, we will expand and accelerate the University's life-saving research. With donor support, we will develop new ways to diagnose, treat and prevent cancer and to improve the health of women and families, now and in the future.

The University of Aberdeen is delighted that these two new facilities will provide opportunities to advance both our cancer and women's health research. Today we shine a spotlight on our Aberdeen Centre for Women's Health Research.

we can together deliver a state-of-the-art facility.



Professor Sir Dugald Baird was a pioneer in the area of women's health. He was Regius Professor of Midwifery in Aberdeen from 1937 to 1965. During this time he transformed the obstetric services such that for a time Aberdeen had the best birth outcomes in the UK, and among the best in Europe.

Eighty years on from Professor Baird's pioneering work, the University took inspiration from his far-sighted and innovative programmes by establishing the Aberdeen Centre for Women's Health Research which was opened in March 2018 by Her Excellency Dr Sheikha Aisha Bint Faleh Al Thani.

Women's healthcare has changed dramatically in the past 50 years - but there are still significant risks to women's health and the health of their children, from fertility through pregnancy to childcare, motherhood and beyond. With the establishment of the Aberdeen Centre for

Women's Health Research, we are aiming to ensure that fewer women and their children are put at risk and to help people live healthier, happier and longer lives by vastly enhancing our research capability in the area of women's health.

The Baird Family Hospital will provide fantastic opportunities and facilities to help us advance this pioneering research. It will enable us to have a global research impact by attracting and retaining the very best academic and clinical staff, ultimately leading to excellent patient care in the area of women's health.

To find out more about our research and how you can support it through the

University of Aberdeen Development Trust, contact Kelly M. Anderson at kellymanderson@abdn.ac.uk, telephone +44 (0) 1224 273057 (voicemail) or visit www.abdn.ac.uk/giving/womenshealth.



RUMOUR HAS IT!

In all big projects, there can sometimes be misinformation about project facts. This section tries to respond to the rumour mill, at least the ones the Project Team hears about! We hope this information provides some clarity but, as always, please get in touch with the team if you would like to discuss any of these.

Heard on the grapevine.....

Baird and ANCHOR will open with 100% new equipment?

This is incorrect, all equipment currently in use has the potential to transfer to the new buildings but this will be assessed during audits. It is therefore vitally important that services continue to repair or replace equipment as per current service procedures. Only equipment that meets expected standards will be transferred. We will be reinforcing the message during the equipment audits that will be taking place over the next few months. If anyone has equipment queries, please contact the Equipment Commissioning Manager Drew McDonald for advice on drew.mcdonald@nhs.scot.



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