Update: November 2021

**Falkirk Community Hospital Masterplan**

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| **What is happening?**  A new strategic vision for a new primary care hub and intermediate care facility is due to be published. The Strategic Assessment is informed by a series of workshops which have gathered initial views from staff and patient representatives on what future services should look like, including services currently based at Falkirk Community Hospital.  **How do I get involved?**  Following the publication of the Strategic Assessment of needs, work will begin on a business case proposal. As the project progresses, there will be more opportunities to get involved. You can keep up to date with the project by visiting the dedicated web page for the latest information: <https://nhsforthvalley.com/hospitals/falkirk-community-hospital/future-plans/> |

**PROJECT PROGRESS**

**We are here.** A series of speciality-based workshops have been held over autumn 2021, gathering views on what future services should look like. The initial strategic assessment will explore and outline these needs, detailing how they fit together with existing provisions and potential new services.

**WORKSHOPS – SUMMARY OF VIEWS**

The project recently held a series of workshops with staff and patient representatives, followed by a ‘cross-check’ event which outlined common themes and views expressed so far. A summary of themes has been provided below, providing an insight into the needs of future services and required models of care:

* **Bedded Care:** There is opportunity for further co-location and integration of bedded care services across the Falkirk area. Bedded care should have stronger links with community-based services and social housing.
* **Ophthalmology:** Enable most stable patients to manage their condition in the community, streamline treatment lanes, decentralisation of diagnostic hubs. More efficient deployment of advanced practice roles.
* **Mental Health, Psychology, Alcohol and Drug Services, Pain Management, Audiology:** Model of care should support care closer to home. Increased importance of self-management and use of technology. Integrated services which require flexible and multi-use spaces.
* **Allied Health Professionals:** A move to a multi hub-based approach in the Falkirk area, requiring integration with communities, social care and the third sector. Co-location and cross working within admin teams also necessary. A wide range of resources required for this group of services.
* **Dental:** Improvements in clinic flow, environment and site locationrequired **to** improve the current service and to provide the most vulnerable in society the best dental care experience possible.
* **Clinical Trials and Research:** There is currently no dedicate space within either community or acute sites. New facilities could integrate into the proposed Wellness hub concept and improve links with health and social care providers in the community**.** Stronger academic partnerships should be pursued, including with the NMAHP Research unit at Stirling University.
* **Estates & Facilities:** Technical teams to be consolidated in one area within the site to enhance communication, management, staff morale, and streamlined work allocation. Options for procurement and future scope to be explored at a regional level during the business case stage.
* **Diabetic Care:** Co-locate members of the multi-disciplinary team to provide flexible interventions. Future model should shift focus to community facilities.
* **Wellness Care:** Building on the Living Well Falkirk concept,a physical location for a new wellness centre would co-locate services, provide signposting to services, and support asynchronous virtual appointments. The location could provide a bookable shared space for health, care, and community services.
* **Primary Care:** Four options will be explored within the strategic assessment this includes future services models of (1) Core – all practices together; (2) Multi-practice sites; (3) Hub and spoke services; and (4) locality hubs – min. of one per locality.
* **Area Sterilisation and Disinfection Unit:** The current scope of service and volume of activity will continue to be delivered within the new facility. Additional services and capacity would be planned to support the NHS Forth Valley National Treatment Centre, the introduction of robotic surgery, increased service demand associated with the reduction in use of single use instruments to provide environmental impact.
* **Children & Family Health:** Future services should include a Child Development Centre – a new physical resource with access to integrated multi-disciplinary care covering CAMHS, AHP, School nursing and social work. Increased and enhanced investment in nursing, AHP and CAMHS is required to fulfil this future service model.
* **Offices:** Clinical activity will be separated from office-based activity. Appropriate accommodation will be provided for virtual and telephone clinics, as well as face-to-face assessments and clinics. Many teams will permanently adopt a mix of home and office-based working. Teams which are currently based in disparate office pickets will be brought together if beneficial. The project team will work with Councils and Health Boards to agree the most appropriate post-pandemic ratio of desk allocation to whole-time equivalent staff numbers.

**NEXT STEPS**

The Strategic Assessment of needs will be published by the start of 2022.