



Daisy Hill Hospital Interim Stability Plan Update



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Since the June Trust Board meeting, we have been working tirelessly on the implementation of our interim stabilisation plans for acute inpatient medical services at Daisy Hill and there have already been changes as we relocate some departments within the hospital.

The aim of our work has been to find a sustainable way forward for the hospital, patients and staff. Ensuring patient safety and supporting our staff have been our priorities. We greatly welcome the strength of public support for staff and services at Daisy Hill and thank all of our local stakeholders for their continued interest in improving services.

Staff Support



Expert Panel



MRI Scanner

The new temporary MRI scanner arrived on the Daisy Hill site on 5th July. Located next to the modular CT on site, it will help to address MRI waiting times, reduce the need to transfer patients to other hospitals for diagnosis, relieving pressure on NIAS. It is planned to be operational by the end of July from 8am to 8pm, 7 days a week.



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Elective Surgery

Work has been ongoing to increase planned (elective) surgical activity. Eight new surgical nurses have been recruited and trained. From 19th June the team have been running 18 lists a week, undertaking an increase of 5 lists per week. Within the first 4-week period of these increased list, in addition to our regular activity, 64 procedures (ENT, Dental, General Surgery and Gynaecology) were completed on 46 patients. Recruitment and training continues with the plan to further increase elective surgery by autumn.

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Medical Training, Support and Recruitment

- Three Senior Consultants providing onsite support to clinical staff and wider team.
- Two Locums (CCT qualified) agreed to transfer from CAH to DHH for one year.
- Acute Physician from CAH providing support to ambulatory model/team.
- NIMDTA confirmed allocation to Trust however operational challenges remain (in common with other Trusts) to fill rotas fully.
- GI Consultant post closed - no applicants (recruitment plan being reviewed).
- Geriatrician/Stroke Consultant post closed - no applicants (recruitment plan being reviewed).
- Renal adverts open – 1 post.
- Respiratory adverts open – 2 posts (extended due to lack of applications).
- International recruitment proposal being finalised.



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