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Daisy Hill Hospital Developments



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New children's cardiology clinic



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A new Paediatric Cardiology clinic is the latest addition to the range of children and young people's services available at Daisy Hill Hospital.

The new outpatient service for children with a range of heart conditions runs for a full day each month from the dedicated children's outpatient department in Clanrye House.

In May 2020, the Southern Trust was appointed as one of five regional paediatric centres across Ireland, as part of the All-Island Congenital Heart Disease Network.

Groundbreaking technology for stroke patients

We have introduced the very latest AI (artificial intelligence) technology in helping to identify the most suitable treatments for stroke patients.



Already used throughout the UK and Ireland, the solution was first introduced to Northern Ireland by the Royal Victoria Hospital and is now being rolled out to other hospitals including Craigavon Area and Daisy Hill, as part of a regional pilot.

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In October we warmly welcomed 29 new staff nurses to join our ED teams in Newry and Craigavon!



New discharge lounge

A new discharge lounge has opened to help ensure that the most acutely ill patients get a bed as soon as possible.

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Hospital care at home

Since it was set up, 'Acute Care at Home' has prevented over 12,000 hospital admissions and supported earlier discharge for more than 2,000 people.

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New ambulatory unit



A newly expanded ambulatory unit has opened, offering treatment to suitable patients and avoiding an overnight stay where possible.

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1,554 MRI scans!



An impressive 1,554 scans have been undertaken through the new MRI scanner at Daisy Hill since it was installed in July.

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Stroke and rehab team in drive to end ‘PJ paralysis’



Daisy Hill’s stroke and rehabilitation team is encouraging patients to get up, get dressed and keep moving. The team have joined the global movement to ‘end PJ paralysis,’ which aims to help patients maintain their independence and improve

their health and wellbeing outcomes following a hospital admission. The team of allied health professionals, nursing and medical staff, support inpatients following acute stroke as well as older patients recovering from illness or injury.

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Doors open at Daisy Hill Hospital theatres!



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It was access all areas as theatre and endoscopy nursing teams opened their doors to prospective new nursing colleagues on their open day. A total of 80 students, preregistered and registered nurses got a behind the scenes insight to surgical nursing in theatres and endoscopy.

Welcoming new international doctors

Since October, a number of new medical colleagues from India have already arrived following a successful recruitment trip to Mumbai. A total of 70 doctors across a range of grades and specialties will be taking up posts across Daisy Hill and Craigavon hospitals in the coming months.



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Public appeal

Staff continue to do their very best to protect the safety and dignity of services for our patients in very difficult circumstances. Through the stabilisation plans for acute inpatient medicine at Daisy Hill, we are developing services to improve patient flow, prevent hospital admission and support earlier discharge including acute care at home, the new ambulatory unit and discharge lounge.



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Volunteers serving up mealtime assistance for hospital patients



Volunteers in Daisy Hill Hospital are helping to ensure patients eat well whilst in hospital.

Mealtime Support volunteers are currently being reintroduced into the Stroke and Rehab ward as part of a pilot scheme under the regional Mealtimes Matter initiative. Good nutrition and hydration is vital to physical and mental wellbeing, particularly when recovering from illness. In hospitals, some patients need support or even just company, to encourage them to eat safely and well.

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New community alcohol detox service



A new community service is now available to support patients attending Daisy Hill Hospital with alcohol dependence.



Artist in residence at Daisy Hill Hospital!



Daisy Hill's renal patients have been developing their artistic skills with support from the Trust's 'Artists in Residence' programme.



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