

Northern HSC Trust

Project: Proposal to use vacant space in the Mid Ulster hospital to develop mental health services and specialist nurse led clinics in Magherafelt and provide local office bases for the teams.

Capital Cost: £489,830

Change in Revenue: -£20,518

The Northern Trust provides community mental health services through a range of specialist teams for example

- CommunityMentalHealthTeams
- Mental Health Services for Older People
- AssertiveOutreachTeam
- CrisisResponseTeam
- EatingDisorderTeam
- CommunityAddictionsTeam
- CommunityForensicTeam
- CommunityRehabilitationTeam
- PsychologicalTherapyServices
- OutpatientServices

These teams offer clients effective care and support via a range of interventions to prevent hospital admission, thus enabling them to remain in their own home, as part of the local community, living everyday lives with family and friends, as recommended within the Bamford Review of Mental Health Services.

The Community Mental Health Teams are fully integrated teams of people from a variety of professional backgrounds, aiming to provide one point of access to mental health services to people assessed as suffering from a severe mental health problem..

Their success centres around local access to the range of services and this can only be successfully maximised if the teams and clinics are locally based for the people of the Magherafelt area.

It is proposed to develop the mental health services provided in the Magherafelt area which are currently constrained because of the shortage of clinic space and the distance that some of the teams are based from their catchment area.

It is also proposed to reduce the Trust's dependency on leases by bringing the podiatry services and specialist nurse clinics such as respiratory, continence, diabetic and tissue viability into wards one and two. This move will release leases in the Diamond medical centre, (first floor) Magherafelt, Bellaghy medical centre, and Garden Street, Magherafelt. The Trust would intend to transfer the Hospital Diversion Nursing team into the ward 2 from a leased building in Moneymore. This team routinely works to 10.00pm as does the Crisis response team and by basing them in the main hospital building, these teams will no longer work isolated from other services.

The Trust would also take the opportunity to upgrade the Old Nurses Home / Community Services centre opposite the hospital site which is currently used by a variety of teams but by reprofiling its use, the Learning Disability and Physical Disability teams can also have a multi disciplinary base.

The scheme will meet the Northern Health and Social Care Trust's (NHSCT) objectives to implement the service reforms required to modernise primary and community care services within the Magherafelt area by co locating selected acute outpatients services, primary and community care teams and mental health services on the same site and fulfil its reform and modernisation agenda through adherence to the **NHSCT Asset Realisation Plan (2011 – 2014)** which works to meet the Minister's Priorities for Action Area 7 through "work on the rationalisation of the estate with a view to delivering efficiencies, identifying opportunities for ensuring efficient use of estate, rationalisation and revenue savings"

This proposal is to refurbish **wards 1 and 2, and the top floor changing rooms** in the main hospital building in order to:

- a) create workspace areas and offices on the top floor for the multi disciplinary mental health teams and
- b) to develop podiatry surgeries, consulting and interview rooms (7), 2 treatment rooms, waiting space, workspace areas and ancillary accommodation in the vacant wards 1 & 2.
- c) To use vacant on call bedrooms in the Old Nurses Home / Community Services centre to create office space for disability teams