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Major Developments for New Omagh Hospital Complex

Plans for £150 million project approved.

Sperrin Lakeland Trust has today advertised in the Official Journal of the European Union for a contractor to provide the £150 million Omagh Hospital Complex. This follows a decision from the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety to proceed to the procurement phase of the project. This key development means that the project is on track to provide the new Omagh Hospital, Centre for Mental Health and Health & Care Centre by the target date of 2011.

The new, modern facilities are to be built on the site of the existing Tyrone & Fermanagh hospital. This project is re-designing how healthcare is delivered at a local level and presenting a new model for patient care. The Complex brings a wide range of health care professionals together on one site, moving towards one-stop services while offering more services as locally as possible. This new model aims to offer patients better access to a wider range of services, with fewer trips to hospital and reduced waiting times.

New Hospitals Project Director, Mary Maguire explained, 'We are delighted to have secured the Department of Health's confidence in the project, and to have reached the stage of formally inviting applications from contractors interested in providing the new facilities in Omagh. We have been busy preparing for this day since the Autumn and have generated substantial interest in the project from a number of leading contractors.

These landmark events are bringing us one step closer to realising these plans for the Hospital Complex. We are keen to share our plans with the people of Omagh, and to demonstrate the work that has been achieved to deliver the new state of the art hospital facilities. The project website contains up to date information on these developments and offer opportunities for local people to become more informed".

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Notes to the Editor

1. The advertisement in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) was issued on 23/03/07. Expressions of interest from bidders will be received in April and these will be shortlisted to a maximum of 5 bidders at the beginning of Summer.
2. This project is part of the first of the wave of hospital projects to come forward from the Investment Strategy for NI, lead by the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety (DHSSPS), and supported by the Strategic Investment Board Ltd. For more information on the SIB including the latest Annual Review and Accounts 2005 visit: www.sibni.org
3. Profile of Services: Separate Attachment