

## Chair Blog – 30 November 2017

### Golden Jubilee expansion takes a step forward

This month I'm delighted to share the news that the expansion of the Golden Jubilee National Hospital has taken a huge step forward.

The Capital Investment Group at the Scottish Government recently approved the Initial Agreement for a dedicated ophthalmology unit at the Golden Jubilee. We have now been invited to submit an Outline Business Case for the project.

Our dedicated team at the Golden Jubilee already carry out about 15% of all cataract procedures. The expansion will mean that, in the future, we could be treating up to 30% of all Scottish cataract procedures.

As cataract surgery is one of NHSScotland's key demand areas, the new facility really will make a huge difference to thousands more patients in the future. The new state of the art facilities and improved services will both reduce patient waiting times and enhance patient experience.

When the business case is approved, the dedicated ophthalmology centre will open in 2020. It is also anticipated that the next phase of expansion at the Golden Jubilee, which will include additional orthopaedic surgery, will be available to treat patients from 2021.

We also recently announced that Kier Construction Scotland have been appointed as our Principal Supply Chain Partner. Work is expected to start on site next year, creating a number of community benefits such as additional local jobs and learning opportunities.

It's great to see the plans for these new facilities take a step forward and reach this exciting stage with our partners. This will allow us to deliver more effective healthcare services by continuing to deliver a world-class standard of safe and effective care that the patients of Scotland deserve.

I look forward to sharing more information about our expansions in the coming months. In the meantime, if you want to keep up to date with our plans, we have a section on our website dedicated to all things expansion related. You can find this here: <https://www.nhsgoldenjubilee.co.uk/news/expansion/>