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Lochaber Redesign – Service Model

The purpose of this document is to provide clarity on some of the frequently asked questions regarding the clinical services within the new hospital and is in response to the recent public engagement event in Lochaber and the subsequent stakeholder meeting. The document will be shared with our stakeholders, including our NHS Colleagues.

During these events there was a request for several questions, which had been discussed at both events, to be clarified in more detail. The dialogue across both meetings was wide-ranging with many different aspects being explored, so it is appropriate to have the questions and answers consolidated into a single document.

The range of questions reflected broadly those areas which featured most prominently during our discussions. The emphasis was mainly on service developments, bed numbers and how the service provision in the new-build will be different. The responses have been provided by our Clinical Staff and reflect the outcome of the engagement with our clinical teams. These answers will be familiar to our stakeholder group members as they have been discussed previously.

There were other more technical questions relating to the size of the new building which have not been included at this stage. This is due to the nature and the early stage of the design process. Although we could provide approximate figures for the size of the new hospital, these would be imprecise and would require revision later.

The Clinical Output Specifications and the Schedule of Accommodation will be issued to the design team shortly and the process of incorporating this information into the design progress will begin. Once the design team have integrated the room relationships, corridor sizes and circulation areas, we will be able to generate a more precise figure for the size of the new hospital, which we will share with our stakeholders.

As we progress the design development, we will continue to keep colleagues and our stakeholder group informed of the developments and will actively encourage engagement at all levels.

Yours sincerely,



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