



# Daisy Hill Hospital

## Implementing Pathfinder E-Zine

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# Welcome

to the Daisy Hill Implementing Pathfinder E-Zine which aims to keep you up to date with the project. All project documents can be found on the Trust Website by clicking [here](#).



### DAISY HILL AMBULATORY UNIT NOW TAKING GP PATIENTS

The new Direct Assessment Unit at Daisy Hill Hospital is now taking suitable referrals directly from GPs. The Unit's Ambulatory Team of Nurses and Medics is now in place and are offering diagnostics, observation and treatment for patients who do not need life-saving Emergency Care but do require urgent medical attention. [READ MORE](#) [WATCH HERE](#)

Pictured: Some of the new Direct Assessment Team: Staff Nurses, Aileen Sands and Shauna Grugan, Dr Billy Masih, Lead Consultant Physician, Staff Nurse Naomie McArdle, Head of Service, Mary Burke, Alicia Boyle, Health Care Assistant, Dr Niall McCartan, SHO, Olivia Anderson, Health Care Assistant, Sr Grainne McQuade and Staff Nurse Anne McGrane.

### Direct Assessment Unit – GP Information Sessions



Many thanks to our local GP colleagues who took time out of their busy Practices to visit the Direct Assessment Unit in March, to meet the team and see how we can all work together to improve unscheduled care services for local people.



### Thank you Charlene!

Sincerest thanks to Charlene Stoops, Assistant Director of Corporate Planning who is leaving the Southern area to take up a Director Post with Belfast Health and Social Care Trust.

As Project Director to the Daisy Hill Pathfinder Project, Charlene has been instrumental to its progress and success to date.

We wish Charlene all the best in her new role and look forward to working with Janet McConville who will be taking over the project.



Pictured: L-R  
Charlene & Janet

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## RENAL UNIT AMONGST THE BEST IN THE UK

Big congratulations to our Renal Team based at Daisy Hill which was ranked fourth in the UK and top in Northern Ireland in a national patient experience survey. This survey is a fantastic endorsement from their own patients who scored them across a range of factors including clinical care, environment, communication and overall patient experience.

The modern unit has 26 haemodialysis stations, 40 machines which are used by 90 patients each week. The team of specialist nurses, medics, pharmacists, podiatrists, social workers, dieticians and technicians also support patients who have chosen a home therapy treatment and those attending renal outpatient clinics.

The Unit has previously been ranked top in the UK Renal Registry for survival of dialysis patients aged 65 and above. This is the first year they have participated in the Patient Reported Experience of Kidney Care in the UK 2018.

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## Public Consultations: Breast Cancer Assessment & Stroke Care

The Department of Health has launched two important public consultations to help transform and improve Breast Assessment Services and Stroke Care across Northern Ireland.

***We encourage staff and anyone living in our area to read and respond to these consultations to help shape these services into the future.***

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