



Welcome from Dr Telford

Welcome to the fifth edition of the Daisy Hill Hospital Pathfinder Project *E-Zine*. This is a monthly newsletter that aims to keep everyone up to date with all the developments from the Project. In this issue we recap on the activity during November.

All project documentation can be found on the Trust Website by clicking [here](#).



Positive Progress Reported at Trust Board

- Significant progress on securing urgent and emergency health care for the Newry and Mourne area was reported at the Southern Trust Board meeting on November 30th.
- Dr Anne-Marie Telford, outlined the positive and innovative work being undertaken to support Daisy Hill Hospital.
- The workforce group has outlined an ED staffing model, which aims to increase permanent ED consultant numbers from the current 2, to 5 by 2019 and 10 in 2022.
- There are plans for a new Direct Assessment Unit, a significant new service adding benefit to patients, their families and GPs. It would provide direct advice and support to GPs and same day clinical management. Experience in other similar units is that up to 70% of patients seen may be discharged home the same day.
- There is also a proposal for an enhanced High Dependency Unit in Daisy Hill to provide care to seriously ill patients.

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Personal and Public
Involvement (PPI)



Involving you,
improving care

TV stars remind people not to use emergency departments for non-emergencies

Stars from local comedy show 'Give my head peace' have teamed up with the Southern Trust once again to remind people not to use emergency departments unless the condition is serious and urgent.

'Ma' 'Da' and 'Uncle Andy' from the series feature in a short video designed to increase public understanding of the appropriate uses of the Emergency Department and to remind the public that saving lives is the priority. [Watch here](#)



Gareth Hampton, ED Consultant said: "Please use the Emergency Department wisely. If you do not have a genuine life threatening condition you should use other services available like Minor Injuries, GP or GP Out of Hours and Pharmacies that can help you." [Read More](#)

Consultant appointment to Daisy Hill Hospital Emergency Department

- A new consultant appointment has been confirmed for the Emergency Department at Daisy Hill Hospital.
- The appointment process was supported as part of the regional approach to securing the ED at Daisy Hill, and is an important first step in the long term plan for the service.
- The new consultant will be based in Daisy Hill Hospital, with one day per week working in Craigavon Area Hospital.

The next DHH Pathfinder Group Meeting will take place on Wednesday 13 December.

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