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Daisy Hill Hospital Pathfinder Project Update

The Trust's position is that a 24/7 Emergency Department should be open in Daisy Hill Hospital.

The Pathfinder Project has confirmed the importance of the ED to the Newry and Mourne Community and supports the position that the ED should remain open on a 24/7 basis.

The issue at Daisy Hill has been the number of doctors needed and available to keep a safe service running.

There is now a more stable level of medical staffing. Many of these staff are locums, but are committed to working in Daisy Hill. We are working hard to attract permanent medical and nursing staff.

The nursing levels are good, and the staff are excellent and very well respected. Admin. staff play a very important role and if possible we want to recruit more because the Department is very busy. The domestic and portering staff are recognised as providing an excellent service in the ED that is appreciated by staff and patients.

We are now working on many ideas as to how we can staff and run the service safely. We are looking at new ways to treat patients without them always having to visit an Emergency Department.

As Project director, I am very positive and confident in Daisy Hill's future. If you help us share this positive message it will be an important part of how we attract staff to work in the hospital.

Your support in this is very important and much appreciated.

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