



Surgery Update

From Monday 28th February, all emergency surgical patients requiring inpatient assessment in the Southern Trust will be admitted to Craigavon Area Hospital until a full consultation on a sustainable future service model has been completed with outcomes agreed.

There will be no change to the Emergency Department at Daisy Hill which will continue to operate as usual on a 24/7 basis.

Despite repeated recruitment advertisements, from the end of February, Daisy Hill will have one permanent Consultant General Surgeon out of six funded posts and Craigavon will have eight out of nine.

The consolidation of emergency surgery to one site will allow the team to maintain the safety of the service for all Southern Trust patients whilst a longer term best-practice model is developed to improve both emergency and elective general surgery.

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A message from the Chief Executive



After four years of having the privilege to lead the Southern Health and Social Care Trust, this was my last Trust Board meeting before I move on to my new post with NHS England as Chief Executive of the Integrated Care Board for Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire.

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Meet out new Carers Consultants

We have appointed two 'Carers Consultants' to support those who care for an adult with a learning disability.

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New Regional Children's Cardiac Centre at Craigavon Hospital

Craigavon Area Hospital is now one of five Regional Paediatric Cardiac Centres across Ireland, as part of the All-Island Congenital Heart Disease Network.

The centres aim to provide timely cardiac services for children and families closer to home, avoiding the need to travel to Dublin or Belfast unless necessary.

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Daffodil Cottage Opens

The Dungannon Integrated Care Team has moved into a new home at 'Daffodil Cottage' on the South Tyrone Hospital site. Integrated care teams offer care and support to patients in their own homes. Daffodil Cottage is a new build beside their existing building, known as the 'Old Doctors Residence' which along with two nursing flats, has also been refurbished to accommodate their expanding team.

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