



UPDATE

NEWS FROM THE NORTH POWYS WELLBEING PROGRAMME

DETAILED PLANNING WORK NOW UNDERWAY FOR NEWTOWN CAMPUS

Plans for the creation of a multi-agency health and wellbeing campus in the centre of Newtown have taken a significant step forward with the appointment of a construction consultancy to support this important project being progressed jointly by Powys County Council and Powys Teaching Health Board, through the North Powys Wellbeing Programme.

Wales-based Mott MacDonald is now carrying out detailed modelling work to support us to confirm the facilities that will be provided on the Park Street campus. They have also been commissioned to lead the procurement of a Supply Chain Partner to deliver the project to completion, and are engaging with Newtown based Hughes Architects who previously created concept drawings for the campus.

The company will be working closely with Powys County Council's design team to ensure suitable coordination with the school element of the Campus. The council's team is already working on plans for a new school building on the campus site (*see article on page 2*).

Plans for the health and wellbeing campus include a new hospital building for Newtown (including an Urgent Care Centre, in-patient beds, a midwife-led birthing unit, more planned care services as well as improved diagnostic equipment), social care and well-being facilities (working in hand with the voluntary sector), a new Health and Care Academy - working closely with the town's library - and a small amount of supported housing.

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Our story so far...

- **2017** - Health and Care Strategy published by Powys County Council and Powys Teaching Health Board
- **2018** - As a result of this strategy, The North Powys Wellbeing Programme was established to transform health and care in the north of the county
- **2019** - Widespread community engagement carried out by this team which led to the development of an Integrated Model of Care & Wellbeing
- **2022** - Welsh Government endorses our Programme Business Case for a new Health and Wellbeing campus in Newtown

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Nigel Brinn (Executive Director at Powys County Council) is the project's joint Senior Responsible Officer (SRO) (along with Powys Teaching Health Board's Associate Director of Capital, Estates and Property, Wayne Tannahill). He commented: "I am really pleased to note this important commission and look forward to working with Mott MacDonald as they help move the project from the drawing board to the construction phase."

Alun Rhys Owen MRICS, Project Director and Regional Lead for Project and Cost Management (Wales & South West) for Mott MacDonald, added: "Mott MacDonald are proud and excited to be leading the campus development and working with Powys Teaching Health Board and Powys County Council on this pathfinder project. It will be the integration on a single site between education, health and care facilities that will truly transform this unique development into a wellbeing campus for all the community".

The North Powys Wellbeing Programme is a partnership of the health board and the council, working under the flag of the Powys Regional Partnership Board. The programme team submitted its Strategic Outline Case to Welsh Government for endorsement in 2022 and is currently working on the next stage – the Outline Business Case.

Mott MacDonald has experience of a wide range of high-profile complex capital projects including the Bristol Temple Quarter and St Philip's Marsh regeneration programme, incorporating a refurbishment of Bristol Temple Meads station. Mott MacDonald also managed the development of surge hospitals across the UK during the pandemic for the NHS; winning a number of awards including Constructing Excellence National Award for 'Integration and Collaborative Working' for The Dragons Heart Hospital, built within the Principality Stadium for Cardiff and Vale University Health Board. More information about Mott MacDonald multi-disciplinary consultancy services and projects can be found at www.mottmac.com

COUNCIL MAY EXPAND PLAN FOR NEW SCHOOL ON SITE

Powys County Council is looking to build a replacement building for Newtown's Ysgol Calon y Dderwen.

The new building is being designed as a community-focused school to ensure that pupils can benefit from a learning environment that will enable them to flourish and meet their full potential. It is being developed adjacent to our planned Health and Well-being provision, which will enable health and wellbeing services to be closely linked with the school.

However, the council is now considering increasing the size of the building so that more pupils can attend and benefit from the new facilities that will better support the delivery of the new Curriculum for Wales.

The change could see the council developing a community-focused school to serve a wider community, which could include all pupils currently attending Maesyrrhandir and Treowen schools as well as Ysgol Calon y Dderwen.

Cllr. Pete Roberts, Cabinet Member for a Learning Powys, said: "We want to provide a learning environment where pupils flourish and meet their full potential and where staff can teach in facilities that support the delivery of the new Curriculum for Wales."

"I'm keen to ensure that as many pupils as possible benefit from the fantastic new facilities that will be provided at the new school building in Newtown. However, we are at a very early stage in exploring these ideas. To help us understand what the impact of any changes to these schools might be, we have started discussions with the three school communities to understand areas of concern or local issues that we need to be aware of."

"We will be meeting with staff and governors at the three schools as we explore this plan and we will provide an opportunity for parents and the wider community to let us know their views."

"Our aim is to ensure that pupils in Newtown can continue to receive a high-quality education for many years to come and to ensure that as many pupils as possible can benefit from the significant financial investment that is planned for the town. I look forward to working with the three school communities to identify a way forward which will achieve this."

It's expected that the outcome of this review will go before the council's Cabinet in early autumn to agree a way forward.

MINISTER OPENS REDEVELOPED HOSPITAL

The North Powys Wellbeing Programme is part of a wider ambition to transform health and care services, as set out in the county's Health and Care Strategy. A key part of that ambition has recently been completed with redevelopment of the hospital in Machynlleth

Powys Teaching Health Board was awarded £15m by Welsh Government to redevelop Ysbyty Bro Ddyfi, allowing the new building to bring local community health services, the local GP practice and the existing hospital facilities under one roof. The Minister for Health and Social Services Eluned Morgan MS, formally opened the facilities at a ceremony at the end of May.

The Dyfi Valley Health GP Practice moved into its new home in Ysbyty Bro Ddyfi at the end of April, and in the weeks that followed was joined by community dentistry, podiatry, adult mental health and midwifery.

A focus on arts and outdoor spaces has led to the development of a therapy garden and the healthboard commissioned artwork from artists Erin Hughes, Di Ford, Gemma Rose Green-Hope and Jim Bond, which feature inside the building and outside in the community gardens. A community café – Caffi Croeso – which will provide a comfortable waiting space for users of the hospital is due to open in the coming weeks.

Opening the new facility, Health and Social Services Minister Eluned Morgan said: "It was a pleasure to officially open the redevelopment of the Machynlleth Bro Ddyfi Community Hospital and see first-hand the difference it will make to the local community.

"This is an excellent example of how Welsh Government funding is being used to reshape the way community health and wellbeing services are delivered to ensure better access to doctors, nurses, and other healthcare professionals closer to home."

Carl Cooper, Chair of Powys Teaching Health Board, said: "This building has a distinguished history of serving the people of Machynlleth and Bro Ddyfi spanning over 150 years. Now, thanks to this investment from Welsh Government, it continues to support the local community into the future."

"Partnership between agencies and with the community is at the heart of the development, as alongside the improved environment for health services, there are spaces for use by voluntary organisations and by people more generally. It is a shining example of how a building can enable integrated working."



Photos: (above) Minister Eluned Morgan MS, is pictured above (sitting) with staff in the new community dental facilities in Ysbyty Bro Ddyfi.

(Left) Cutting the ribbon to officially open the redeveloped hospital.



NEIGHBOURING TRUST SEEKS INPUT

We have been keeping in close contact with our NHS colleagues in Shropshire as they develop their plans for services at Shrewsbury and Telford - where many Powys patients receive care.

As they develop their Hospital Transformation Programme, they are looking for input from people in this area via online focus groups. If you would like to be involved you can get in touch with the team at with the team at The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust at sath.engagement@nhs.net.



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We are proud to be part of the NHS as it celebrates its 75th Anniversary this summer.

Some of our team members took part in parkrun in Newtown (right) to commemorate this anniversary.



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