

# Planning for Cambridge Children's Hospital ...

Currently we are the only region in the country without a children's hospital. In July 2007 the Trust Investment Board approved funding for work to begin on plans for a children's hospital on the Addenbrooke's campus.

Work is now underway to prepare a full business case which will include models of care together with financial proposals. Subject to approval by the Trust's Board of Directors, the new hospital should see its first patients in 2013.

Our vision is to improve the patient experience and quality of care for all the children, young adults and families who use our service ... and ultimately to become one of the top five children's hospitals in the UK and Europe.



## So, what are our aims?

### **We want... to provide a modern, purpose-built and centralised service**

Currently services for children and young people are scattered across the campus which means patients and their families have to spend time going from one end of the hospital to the other for different aspects of care.

### **We want... to design a service based around the needs of children and young adults**

Two thirds of children are seen in adult outpatient clinics, some of which are not as child-friendly as they could be. Teenagers are cared for on children's wards or on adult wards – neither of which is entirely appropriate – meaning that the hospital does not meet some aspects of key national requirements

### **We plan to:**

- develop purpose-built facilities for children and young people

### **We want... to make our services for children and young people even better**

Our reputation for quality services is based on:

- highly skilled and motivated staff
- work as a specialist centre eg for oncology, neurology, diabetes & endocrinology, cleft lip & palate, allergy and cystic fibrosis

### **We are:**

- the only Paediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) in the region
- a Tertiary Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU)
- a nationally and internationally recognised centre for paediatric research

### **We want ... to anticipate future demand for beds**

There has been a steady increase in the specialist work referred to the hospital eg in children's surgery the caseload has increased by nearly a third over the last four years, and is set to continue to rise.

**We want ... staff, patients and the public to have the opportunity to get actively involved in the project**

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