1. Estates Services

1.1 Car Parking.

The review of the use of car parking facilities on the Victoria Hospital site is underway with the initial meeting being held where draft proposals were tabled. In order to ensure that the final proposals take account of a wide range of views and provide the most effective use of available car parking facilities, representatives from staff and the Public Focus Patient Involvement (PFPI) group and will be included. The purpose of the review is to determine the most effective use of the improved car parking facilities on the Victoria site following completion of the works on Car Park ‘H’. Upon completion of the Car Park ‘H’ works (March 2013) we will have seen a total of 386 additional spaces provided for the site within the past year.

1.2 Capital Projects

The Statutory Capital program will be completed at the end of March 2013. The type of works carried out varies widely, eg: fire compliance, electrical installation upgrades, internal refurbishment, equality and diversity works, car parking and building component refurbishment. Improvement works such as refurbishment of the public toilets, signage improvements and a staff training area at Victoria Hospital will also be completed. The staff training area will centralise training functions such as Moving and Handling, Information Technology, Resuscitation and Fire Safety.

Development works at Queen Margaret Hospital are ongoing with the Endoscopy Reprocessing Unit nearing completion, Urology and Day Intervention Unit layouts agreed and travel planning proposals made. Discussions have been held with Primary Care Resource Centre stakeholders with regards to determining accommodation requirements.

1.3 Energy Award- St Andrews Community Hospital

As previously reported NHS Fife won an award for their application in the 2012 NHS Scotland Environment, Estates and Facilities Awards in the Energy and Environment Category. Climate Week was chosen to unveil the prestigious national energy award at St Andrews Community Hospital (Wednesday 6 March). The Energy and Environment prize recognises the innovation employed to meet challenging efficiency targets and to minimise energy use and environmental impact at the hospital. The photograph shows NHS Fife Director of Estates, Facilities and Capital Planning, Mr Jim Leiper presenting the award to Mollie Tevendale, Associate Nurse Director/Head of Service Delivery for Glenrothes and North East Fife CHP.
The application was for the installation of high efficiency Combined Heat and Power gas boilers in conjunction with a Ground Source Heat Pump and low energy lighting, resulting in a reduction of more than 25% in the consumption of energy compared to the current good practice figures. Congratulations go to all staff involved in the initiative including those with Morrisons Facilities Management and Morrisons Construction Ltd.

2. Facilities

2.1 Laundry Production Dryers

The 6 new main production dryers within the NHS Fife Area Laundry were recently installed. Despite the installation of the machines effectively closing down Laundry production, linen services were maintained to all customers through detailed pre planning, communication and coordination. The new high efficiency dryers replaced the 30 year old steam heated driers in an intensive operation carried out over a 4 day extended weekend. As can be seen from the photograph of the new dryers the scale of the works involved was extensive and complex. Thanks go to all Estates and Facilities staff involved in the successful completion of this exercise.
2.2 Domestic Services – National Cleaning Standards

The NHSScotland National Cleaning Compliance Report for December 2012 shows that the NHS Fife Domestic Services team continue with their excellent performance in relation to the national cleaning standards. The performance, which has peer and independent public monitoring input, reflects one of the best compliances in Scotland (97.4%). The Domestic Services team work very hard to achieve this level and are to be congratulated for maintaining these consistently high standards. The chart below shows the NHS Fife performance against other NHS Boards in Scotland.

4.1 Cleaning Services Monitoring Tool – NHS Boards’ Performance

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