

# New Children's Hospital Newsletter

## What's happening on site?



### Enabling Works for the Non Clinical Support Building

Work is nearing completion on the Spine Road diversion. This part of the enabling works will create an underground Service Corridor to link the Non-Clinical Support Building with the new Children's and Maternity Hospitals. It is expected that the Spine Road will be fully reinstated and operational again in Summer 2017.

The new Non Clinical Support Building on the old Estates site is progressing well with much of the steel framework in place. It is expected that this building will be completed in Autumn 2018.

When services move into the completed Non-Clinical Support Building preparation will begin on the decommissioning and demolition of Bostock House, clearing the site for the New Children's Hospital.

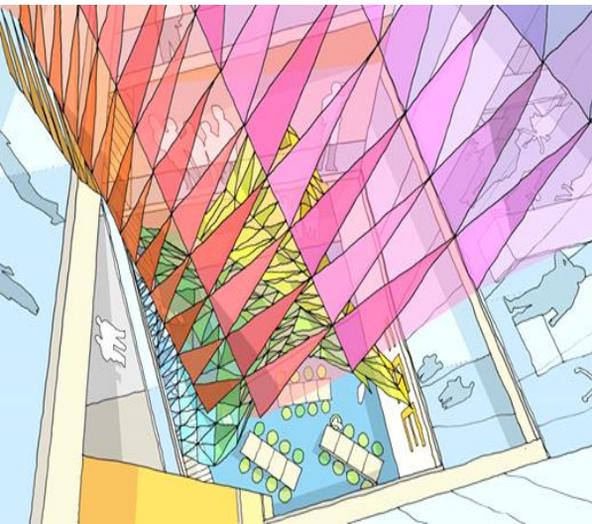
We are delighted to announce that WebsiteNI have been appointed to develop the New Children's Hospital Project website. The new website will feature interactive blogging and social media links for staff and the public to stay up to date with all project news. The website should be accessible by the public at the end of May



## Drop-In Session at RBHSC

As part of the wider Planning consultation process a Drop-In Session will be take place on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May** from **10.00am until 6.00pm** in the **Main Foyer** of the RBHSC.

Staff and the public will have the opportunity to stop by and view the plans for the New Children's Hospital.



## Design Development

Work has commenced to develop layouts for individual rooms, starting with standard rooms in the building for example bedrooms and operating theatres. Then the process will follow with more specialist accommodation.

The design will also start to explore elevations of the building.



## Engagement Project

### Visit to St Joseph's Primary School

In March members of the Project Team and Design Team visited St Joseph's Primary School to meet with Primary 7. We had a fun and very informative workshop about various aspects of design.



Children demonstrated fabulous creativity in thinking about how we make both small spaces and very big spaces more comfortable places for everyone. Recurring themes of nature, sound and light were suggested as ways to relax and distract children when they are feeling anxious about visiting the hospital.

Some amazing Lego creations were also inspired by the conversations we had to explore the large atrium space. Children thought about how this space might make them feel and what they might do with the space to create a positive environment. As a result we were presented with fabulous boutiques for a spot of retail therapy, race track and Segways for speeding your timely arrival to appointments and climbing frames to rival some of the best commissioned art sculptures in the country. We are very grateful to St Josephs and their fantastic P7 class for letting us visit and hope to go back soon to show P7 what we've done with all their hard work. A similar exercise is due to take place in Fane Street Primary School after Easter.

