Thousands vote for name of the new £46 million health facility in North Ayrshire

The new £46 million adult acute mental health and community hospital at the Ayrshire Central Hospital site has a new name.

More than 2000 votes were received during the three-week engagement period, with the overall majority voting for ‘Woodland view’.

Local people, patients, visitors and staff all took the opportunity to vote for their favourite name. A list had been compiled which focused on nature to reflect the building’s surroundings.

The list included:
- Woodside;
- Woodland view;
- Parklands;
- Woodlands; and
- Greenacres.

People were able to vote for their favourite in a number of ways including an online survey, telephone and by filling in a card and using the freepost address to send in their vote.

In total, 2,481 votes were received with ‘Woodland view’ coming out as the clear winner. The results of the public vote were presented to the North Ayrshire Community Hospital Programme Board on Wednesday 1 April, where it was endorsed by all members.
NHS Ayrshire & Arran’s construction partner, Balfour Beatty, which began work on the facility in July 2014, will now proceed with the new signage for the building ahead of its completion in spring 2016.

In addition to providing a community hospital for the people of North Ayrshire and housing elderly inpatient wards, it will also incorporate mental health inpatient services for adults from across Ayrshire and Arran.

John Scott, Head of Capital Planning and Project Director, said: “We would like to thank everyone who took the time to vote and tell us their favourite name for the new hospital.

“Woodland view is a fantastic name that reflects the abundance of nature on the Ayrshire Central Hospital site. Indeed, the new hospital will be surrounded by a vast array of trees – some of which are more than 150-years-old. Within the new hospital, each ward will have access to a dedicated internal courtyard.

“This major investment in local healthcare services belongs to the local community and we have been overwhelmed by the response we received from local residents, patients, visitors and staff.”

Notes to editors
The building will offer state-of-the-art facilities on the Ayrshire Central Hospital site. It will provide 206 beds for people who need a level of care and rehabilitation that can only be provided by a stay in hospital.

Ends

The facility will include beds for:
- Adult acute mental health
- Mental health and addiction rehabilitation
- Elderly mental health
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- Long-term care for older people
- Rehabilitation for older people

and rooms for additional outpatient clinics and treatments.

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artist impression images of Woodland view at Ayrshire Central Hospital
Courtyard

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