Want to find out more about the major hospital build?

Members of the public are invited along to open question and answer sessions about the new £46 million acute mental health and community hospital build at Ayrshire Central Hospital in Irvine.

NHS Ayrshire & Arran, along with construction partner Balfour Beatty, are building the new 206-bedroom facility which will provide integrated mental health and community hospital services.

Construction of the new facility began in July 2014 and is expected to be completed in spring 2016.

Staff, patients, service users and members of the public will be able to go along to open sessions during February and March to find out more about the major building project.

Staff from NHS Ayrshire & Arran’s clinical and technical services for the hospital project, together with a representative from Balfour Beatty, will be on hand to answers any questions about the new building.

Open sessions are being held on:

- Tuesday 24 February, 2pm-4pm in the Dining Room at University Hospital Crosshouse, Kilmarnock;
- Thursday 5 March, 2pm-4pm in the Dining Room at Ayrshire Central Hospital, Irvine;
- Thursday 12 March, 2.15pm – 4.15pm in the Coffee Lounge at Ailsa Hospital, Ayr;

and
• Thursday 19 March, 2pm-4pm in the front entrance area at Biggart Hospital, Prestwick.

John Scott, Head of Capital Planning and Project Director, said: “We are absolutely committed to keeping as many people as possible up-to-date with the progress of this new facility.

“This is a major building project for Ayrshire and many people will be using its services when it opens in 2016. These open sessions are just one of a number of ways that people can find out more about the construction progress and about what the new facility will provide.”

To find out more information, visit www.nhsaaa.net. Click on new builds on the home page and then choose The new Acute Mental Health and Community development on the Ayrshire Central Hospital site

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Notes to editors:
The new hospital is being built on the Ayrshire Central Hospital site at Kilwinning Road, Irvine - an established hospital site with good transport links. The hospital which will be predominately single storey and is approximately 16,600m²
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.

The hospital will include beds for:
• adult acute mental health;
• mental health and addiction rehabilitation;
• elderly mental health;
• long-term care for older people;
• rehabilitation for older people; and
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- additional outpatient clinics and treatments.

Photograph: Artist impression of the new building

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