YSBYTY ANEURIN BEVAN – THE WRAPS ARE OFF

Welcome to the Ysbyty Aneurin Bevan November 2009 Bulletin, which provides an update on the construction of the Hospital, progress with service developments and special events relating to the project. We welcome any views or comments about this bulletin and the project, further information and photographs are available on the Ysbyty Aneurin Bevan Website – www.clinicalfuturesgwent.wales.nhs.uk

The development of Ysbyty Aneurin Bevan, Blaenau Gwent’s new Local General Hospital, is progressing well. Ysbyty Aneurin Bevan, named after the founder of the National Health Service, is due to open in the Autumn of 2010.

Over recent months the construction of the hospital has been taking shape under cover, as protective screens have concealed the scaffolding and the construction teams at work. Up to 200 workers at a time are on site – putting in up to 9,000 hours of work a week.

Now the wraps have come off Blaenau Gwent’s new £60 million Hospital, and, for the first time, we are able to see the sheer size of the hospital, which is the first big construction project at The Works Regeneration Site, Ebbw Vale.

The hospital, which will bring improved and modern health services closer to local communities, will be the first in Wales where all patients will have single bed rooms with en suite facilities.

Contractors are now busy on mechanical and electrical installations throughout the new building. En suite fittings are going into the new patient bedrooms and under floor heating is being installed at key points.

David Jenkins, Chairman of Aneurin Bevan Health Board, said: “The development of Ysbyty Aneurin Bevan is an excellent example of a facility which has been developed with the health needs and interests of patients clearly in mind. It is a fitting tribute to Aneurin Bevan and the development of the NHS. Our new hospital will ensure that health services in
Blaenau Gwent will continue to be improved and modernised for the future in order to meet the needs of local people. The Health Board looks forward to the opening of the hospital in 2010.”

Cllr. Des Hillman, Leader of the Council, said: “It’s a huge project. We are delighted to hear from Aneurin Bevan Health Board that work on the hospital project is going so well. The investment is another big boost for Blaenau Gwent”.

“What’s also important is the community contribution. The Health Board has organised for representatives of the local community and voluntary organisations to contribute to an Ysbyty Aneurin Bevan Community Advisory Panel – I’m told they have already been advising on designs, colours and finishes for furniture and equipment.”

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#### Interesting facts
- 96 Trade Companies used in total throughout the Project.
- Enough concrete enough to fill 3.3 Olympic swimming pools.
- 989 Tonnes Steel reinforcement weight of 2 bridges.
- 524 Tonnes Structural Steelwork 2 bridges.
- Enough plasterboard to cover 341 rugby pitches.
- 156 Miles of cabling, distance from North to South Wales.
- 17.3 Miles of copper and steel pipe work.
- The glazing panels alone would cover more than 200 snooker tables.
- The kitchen will serve in excess of 500 meals a day once open.
- 400 staff and members of the public have visited the construction site.

#### SITE PROGRESS November 2009

**Construction:** Mechanical and Electrical installation is continuing throughout the building, along with drainage works. The external building works are progressing well with the continuation of cladding and rendering.
Interior construction -
Single rooms en suite bathrooms

Sanitary ware is currently being installed to the single room en suite bathrooms along with ceiling grids and basecoat decoration. Also basins and services panels are being fitted in the single bedrooms.

Photograph below showing nurse work area, hand basin, TV arm.

Photograph below showing the view from the socialisation areas.

Corridor 1st Floor, single rooms to the right

Below - Plant Room – Installation work being progressed.
Energy Centre
The picture below shows the energy centre works which are also well advanced.

Energy Centre

Operational Commissioning
Plans for the operational commissioning of Ysbyty Aneurin Bevan to commence on the 18th August 2010. This will include the commissioning of Radiology, 24 hour security, kitchen/dining equipment, administration, reception/waiting areas, works and estates. Also included will be the commissioning of the nurse work station/equipment, ward areas, therapies, urgent care, birthing suite, together with in-patient and out patient transfers.

Ysbyty Aneurin Bevan Site Visits

The Ysbyty Aneurin Bevan Community Advisory Panel at the start of their site on Tuesday 4th August 2009. The Panel has played an active role in the development of the new hospital.

The All Wales Trust User Forum visited the site on the 15th September 2009.

University Hospital of Wales Ward Managers Site Visit
Ward Managers from the University Hospital of Wales also visited the site on the 5th October 2009, to view the single room concept.

Site visit by Edwina Hart AM, Minister for Health and Social Services, 29th October 2009
Edwina Hart AM visited Ysbyty Aneurin Bevan on Thursday 29th October 2009 together with representatives from Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council, and Aneurin Bevan Health Board.
Edwina Hart AM during a site visit on the 29th October 2009


Key Project Milestones -
Power On - 17th November 2009
Water On - 14th October 2009
Heat On - 11th November 2009
Planned Completion / handover 18th August 2010.

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