GRAHAM Construction has been appointed main contractor on the project. Construction of the new unit is due to commence in May 2015 and local residents will begin to see activity on the site from w/c 04 May 2015. It is expected that the build will see completion in Spring 2016. The build should have minimal impact on the surrounding population and traffic management will be put in place to limit any disruption.

Graham Construction is a member of the Considerate Constructors Scheme. Under the scheme, firms are assessed against a five-point code to see how well they are performing as considerate constructors.

The 5-point Code:
- Enhancing the Appearance
- Respecting the Community
- Protecting the Environment
- Securing everyone’s Safety
- Caring for the Workforce

The Considerate Constructors Scheme’s National Site Awards are given only to the highest scoring 7.5% of registered sites. The Awards recognise sites’ excellent standards of consideration towards their neighbours, their workforce and the environment.

NHS Fife has been granted formal approval to begin construction on a £4.4m project to replace the Intensive Psychiatric Care Unit at Stratheden Hospital. The project to replace the IPCU will see construction of a new state-of-the-art eight-bed unit on the north-eastern part of the hospital grounds, adjacent to the Radernie Low-Secure Unit. The new facility will include a communal lounge and rooms for rehabilitative and therapeutic activities. Patients will each have their own single en-suite bedrooms, offering more privacy, whilst there will also be access to an outdoor courtyard and private meeting rooms for visits from families or visitors.

The new state-of-the-art unit will ensure that the most vulnerable patients can be cared for in a safer, more secure and supportive environment, designed specifically to meet their needs.

A number of information events have been organised in order to ensure that interested parties are kept fully informed on the development of the project:
- Wed 13 May 2015 (6.30-7.30pm) South View Conference Room, Stratheden Hospital
- Thurs 14 May 2015 (2-3pm) South View Conference Room, Stratheden Hospital
- Sat 16 May 2015 (11am–1pm) South View Conference Room, Stratheden Hospital

There will be a number of stalls relating to the various aspects of the project; ranging from the design and construction process to the nursing and models of care that will be provided within the unit. Representatives of NHS Fife nursing, medical and AHP staff, alongside colleagues from Circles Network Patient Advocacy and the building contractors will be available to answer any questions in relation to the project.

Should you have any comments, please contact us at: fife-uhb.newipcu@nhs.net