

Summary Report.

Construction Report up to end of January 2010

- The New Hospital Development is on Programme. Now in Week no 96 of the overall 235 Week programme.
- Progress up to and including January 2010 remains good with some elements of the construction up to 6.75 months ahead of the planned programme and generally a majority is 3.75 months ahead of programme. Recent inclement weather has lost some time in January 2010. The contractor advises that whilst the current programme indicates this advancement it is unlikely the project will be handed over in advance of the phased contractual handover dates but in accordance with the agreed dates.
- The external envelop is now deemed to be watertight with the only exception being the hoist access openings (6.5 months ahead of the contractual date).
- The floor screeds are laid and a majority of the internal partitions have been erected including taped and jointed.
- Vinyl floor finishes are being undertaken together with internal decoration.
- False ceilings grid and ceilings are also progressing well following the installation of the lighting and ventilation grilles etc.
- Door frames / doors and ironmongery being installed together with the fixed furniture items.
- All major mechanical & electrical plant has been installed.
- General lighting and power well advanced - 2nd fix. (face plates / switching arrangements etc)
- Ductwork and air handling units complete.
- Medical gases / vacuum pipework installed, being tested and witnessed.
- Fire alarm / security systems also well advanced – 2nd fix. (final fittings being installed)
- High voltage systems now energized / upgraded gas / water systems all available.
- Domestic water systems / heating and chilled water and being pressure tested.
- Commissioning of the lifts is about to commence.
- The flat roof construction is well advanced with stone finishes being laid, copings and upstands being completed plus perimeter protection rails, window cleaning brackets and rails being fitted.

- Multi storey car park structure is complete including the brickwork cladding and the waterproof membranes are being laid together with bollards and barriers installation.
- Standby generators installed together with the oil tanks and the oxygen (BOC) installation is progressing.
- Installation of all mechanical & electrical services in the plantrooms well advanced.
- Only 1 of the original 5 tower cranes now remains on site and this is due to be removed early February 2010.
- The ongoing co-operation of all parties during the works is appreciated by the Trust and the contractor Laing O'Rourke during the construction of this major facility. All involved in the project endeavour to ensure minimal impact to patients, staff, public and neighbours during the works particularly with the operation of the existing hospital on the site.