

Golden Jubilee Foundation

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£5 million investment to boost the economy and improve patient care

First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon, today announced a £5 million investment to further expand services at the Golden Jubilee National Hospital as part of the £100m Capital Acceleration Programme.

During a visit to the hospital, the First Minister announced that the Golden Jubilee will start work on its infrastructure projects to increase services for 'in demand' specialities, particularly radiology, ophthalmology and general surgery services.

This investment brings forward elements of the planned expansion of the Golden Jubilee, which was announced as part of the NHS Elective Centres Project.

The £5m will allow the Golden Jubilee to invest in:

- building prototype ophthalmology theatres and outpatient clinics to pioneer new models of care, which will treat more patients every year;
- two state-of-the-art Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) machines (one with cardiac capability), providing an additional 10,000 procedures a year;
- establishing a dedicated general surgery service, providing up to 2,100 procedures a year, increasing quality and continuity of care for patients and their families.

Julie Carter, Deputy Chief Executive of the Golden Jubilee Foundation, commented:

“This investment from the Scottish Government will play a key role in our vision to lead quality, research and innovation for NHSScotland. Part of these funds will be directed towards construction of prototype theatres and outpatient clinics for ophthalmology patients. This will allow us to develop new models of care and procedures to improve the

efficiency and standard of treatment we offer. These innovations will be developed on a 'once for Scotland' basis, helping develop and share good practice for the future.

"The new MRI scanners will allow us to continue to play a key role in diagnosing, treating and monitoring long term health conditions, including heart disease and cancer. We will also be pioneering a new system of treating cataract patients and will be growing our general surgery unit to deliver a dedicated, sustainable resource for Scottish patients.

"Patients are the primary beneficiary of this development, but there is also a positive impact on the local economy through job creation and increased purchase of goods and services. This will, not only be through the operation of the hospital, but any construction work associated with expansion."

The Golden Jubilee is home of regional and national heart and lung services for NHSScotland, a centre of excellence in orthopaedics, a major diagnostic centre and one of the largest cataract providers in the UK. It is also one of the largest employers in West Dunbartonshire with more than 1,700 members of staff now working for the organisation.

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Notes to editors:

A national institution, independently run by its own NHS Board, the **Golden Jubilee Foundation*** is helping to redefine the concept of the public hospital, with a vision of 'Leading quality, research and innovation' for NHSScotland.

The Golden Jubilee Foundation family includes:

- Golden Jubilee National Hospital (charity number SC045146);
- Golden Jubilee Research Institute;
- Golden Jubilee Innovation Centre; and
- Golden Jubilee Conference Hotel.

* The NHS National Waiting Times Centre continues to be the legal name for the Board.

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