

North of Scotland Facilities & Capital Planning Group



Welcome to our First Edition of the North of Scotland's news update for Facilities & Capital Planning

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“Our mission is to work in collaboration with the North of Scotland Health Boards to deliver a set of Improvement Projects and workstreams that will deliver measureable benefits for Facilities” Paul Allen, Programme Sponsor



Read on to find out what the North of Scotland Facilities and Capital Planning Group have done over recent months.



Planning Workshop

A very successful planning workshop was held in Aberdeen on 26th June 2019. Representatives from the North Boards participated in discussions to review the progress and developments to date and collaboratively agree the priorities for the future. The existing workplan was reviewed with a view to defining a set

of priority workstreams based on the anticipated benefits and potential impact on the North Region.

Eight improvement projects were identified as delivering the greatest potential benefits and further detail is provided below.

Priority Workstreams & Improvement Projects



Catering—Development of a North Catering Strategy and collaboration in its implementation across the participating boards.

Cole Report— This work stream intends to review building and design standards and practices and agree recommendation(s) about how the North could respond to the failings identified within Professor Cole's report.

Fleet— A national review of Fleet management identified opportunities for improved service delivery. The North aim to improve vehicle utilisation and identify areas to improve efficiency.

Maintenance Service Contracts—Identify opportunities to work collaboratively across the North and support the ongoing Procurement Projects in the North and East boards.

Policies & Procedures—Create an eLibrary for all Facilities Policies & procedures which can be accessed and shared by the North boards, reducing duplication of effort.

Regional Asset Management Plan—The North boards will develop a plan to identify the North's asset investment/disinvestment requirements for the next 5-10 years.

Retail—The Ninewells Retail project will develop viable options for the main concourse area, to provide enhanced facilities for staff and visitors to make the area one that is welcoming, healthy and popular.



Changes are underway in the North as well as the rest of the country to make sure that NHSScotland is in the best possible shape to meet future health needs and improve people's wellbeing.

SCART— Review and assess current data collection methodologies and identify areas where standardisation can be introduced across the North boards.

Contact us.....

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