SITE START ON OUR THIRD YEAR OF RISING ROLLS...

Construction work has started on the Capital's next wave of additional classrooms as Hub South East continues to work with the City of Edinburgh Council to tackle the issue of rising rolls in primary schools.

Following on from the first two phases being delivered on time and on budget in seven schools in 2013 and 2014, this year, we will be providing 24 new class spaces in Clermiston (4 classes), Flora Stevenson (3), Gilmerton (4), James Gillespie’s (4), Pentland (3), Ratho (4) and Wardie (2) Primary Schools.

Paul McGirk, Chief Executive of Hub South East Scotland Ltd, said:

“This is the third year running that we have worked with the Council on the Rising Rolls programme – a testament in itself to the success of this collaborative effort. “We are proud to have played our part in finding innovative solutions to assist with the issue of rising school rolls. Previous classrooms have been very well received and we look forward to ensuring even more staff and pupils benefit from modern, fit for purpose facilities in time for the start of the new school year.”

The new classrooms in these seven schools will be open in time for the start of the new school year in August 2015.
**Brief Updates**

**Handover of Gillespie’s Teaching Block**

**Contract signed for Royston Care Home**

We’re delighted to have recently signed the contract to begin work on the new Royston Care Home for the City of Edinburgh Council.

Our Tier 1 Contractor, GRAHAM Construction, will be on site soon, and the new facility will be completed next year.

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**East Lothian Community Hospital Consultation Events**

Proposals for the new East Lothian Community Hospital will go on show to the public at a host of events in May and Hub South East will be there to answer questions.

These events will help to gather views about the look and feel of the building, landscaping at the site and access to the new hospital in Haddington.

We have been involved in this project from the outset, providing strategic support to NHS Lothian and a planning application for the project is expected for this summer.

**First Hub revenue funded education facility delivered in Scotland - on time and on budget...**

In April, we successfully handed over the teaching block on the James Gillespie’s Campus in Edinburgh, ready for pupils and staff to use after the Easter holidays. First impressions look positive, with Head Teacher, Donald McDonald saying:

“Staff are very impressed with the new teaching block. There is a feeling of light and space that is wonderful. It’s different from other schools – different’s good!”

After the first day in their new building, pupils were equally impressed, saying:

“It’s cool”

“So light and spacious”

“Building makes you feel happy”

“I don’t want to go home!”

This is the first revenue funded education facility to be handed over in Scotland through the Hub initiative. Our contractor, Morrison Construction, has now started work on the demolition of other buildings on site in preparation for the new Sports Block and Performance Block. The whole campus will be complete in the summer of next year.

To find out more about the project and the information events, visit: [www.nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk/ELCH](http://www.nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk/ELCH)
Involving Small Businesses in Hub Projects

One of the main aims of the Hub initiative is to ensure that local communities and small businesses benefit from projects being delivered in their areas. In terms of SMEs (Small and Medium Enterprises), we’re keen to encourage a Scottish supply chain, and wherever possible, give work to those in the South East territory. As you can see in the statistics to the right, 87% of the work we’ve carried out, has been done by SMEs within Scotland.

In an effort to support SMEs, we hold ‘Meet the buyers’ events to promote opportunities for local suppliers and we provide training on supervising, leadership and health and safety.

Allan Morgan explained how being on the Hub supply chain benefits Parkhead Welding Co Ltd: “As an approved contractor we feel there is more chance of securing work and gaining new business contacts that we wouldn’t have had the opportunity to get in contact with.”

And as a result of this, other community benefits are being realised, as Jean Smith of JMS Welding, explains:

“With the support of Hubco we are able to provide community benefit opportunities to long term unemployed, work placements, and apprenticeship places for young people who are interested in working in construction but find it difficult to gain employment in this industry due to lack of experience.

“We can provide these apprentices and work placement students with training to enhance their employability. A recent example of the success of community benefits is that one young person who was part of the work placement scheme was offered (and subsequently accepted) full time permanent employment and is receiving additional training. We have also taken on another two work placement students from the same scheme as a result of this success.”

Supplier Engagement Event - 20th May 2015

Our Contractors, GRAHAM Construction and Morrison Construction will be attending a supplier engagement event run by Scottish Borders Council and Business Gateway on Wednesday 20th May 6-8pm at Springwood Park, Kelso.

This will give local companies a chance to find out more about projects in their area and how they might get involved.

Work progressing well on site at Royal Edinburgh Campus

Our Contractor, Morrison Construction, is now in the fourth month of works on site on the new Royal Edinburgh Campus Phase 1 building, with works continuing on schedule.

The site of the new brain injuries building has been cleared and works on the drainage and foundations of the main building are progressing at pace. The structural steelwork for the main staff and admin block is now complete along with the structure to one of the plant rooms. (see images to left).

The £48 million phase one redevelopment of the Royal Edinburgh Campus started in January 2015 and is anticipated to be completed by December 2016. Phase one redevelopments include new accommodation for the adult acute mental health inpatient service, older people’s mental health assessment, Intensive Psychiatric Care Service (IPCU) and the new Robert Fergusson national brain injury unit.

A fly through video of Phase 1 is online at www.nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk/rehcampus
Brief Updates

Rosemount Court -
Works Progressing Well

Our Contractor, GRAHAM Construction, is currently on site in Bathgate building a three-storied timber frame that will house 30 residential apartments and associated housing with care and community facilities. The project also involves the refurbishment of the remaining residential properties to Rosemount Court.

Work is progressing well on this project in partnership with West Lothian Council, with the steel now going up and the building taking shape. As well as providing better quality housing for older people, key features of the new facility include a public street zone area comprising of a restaurant, community space and a hairdresser, with a garden and landscaped area for the community. When it’s complete, it will be a great community space for residents and local people.

Naming Competition for new Partnership Centre in Firrhill

NHS Lothian is asking the public to help name Firrhill’s new healthcare facility - one of three Partnership Centres being delivered in Edinburgh and West Lothian through Hub South East.

The facility, which has so far been referred to as the Firrhill Partnership Centre, will provide General Practice and community health services to the surrounding area. The plans include new clinical facilities for podiatry, physiotherapy, community nursing and child health.

A shortlist of three suggested names (all with connections to the local area) is now out to public vote. They are: Allermuir, Caerketton and Robert Louis Stevenson. To find out more and to vote, visit NHS Lothian’s website: www.nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk/newname

Hub South East Charity Golf Day

As we mentioned in the last newsletter, we’re currently organising a charity golf day on 4th June at Duddingston Golf Club, supported by our two Tier 1 contractors and main event sponsors - GRAHAM Construction and Morrison Construction.

One of the most important aspects of the Hub initiative is ensuring community benefits are realised across the country. We do this through all our projects in relation to SME involvement, job creation, apprenticeships and school and university visits. But we decided as a team that we want to do something extra and raise money for a local charity. The charity we’ve decided to support is the Grassmarket Community Project (www.grassmarket.org). The Project’s roots are in working with people who were traditionally homeless, but they now work with those who experience mental/physical health issues and have learning support needs. As well as operating a community café and woodwork and tartan social enterprises, the Project offers a range of social integration and educational activities for members aimed at enhancing life skills and developing confidence. The project also offers a drop-in free meal service to the wider community.

We had a great response to team entry and all 18 teams have now been allocated. We have a number of ‘sponsor a hole’ opportunities now available and we’re looking for donations of raffle prizes, so please dig deep for this charity which is helping many of our most vulnerable citizens! Please contact Holly on 0131 226 0901 or email: hollypassmore@hubsoutheast.co.uk if you’re interested in getting involved.