SITE START ON PHASE 1:
ROYAL EDINBURGH CAMPUS

Health Secretary Shona Robison MSP cut the first ground on the £48 million first phase of redevelopments at the Royal Edinburgh Campus last month.

The vast programme of works will see the entire site transformed over the coming years. Phase one redevelopment include new accommodation for the adult acute mental health inpatient service, older people’s mental health assessment, Intensive Psychiatric Care Service and the new Robert Fergusson national brain injury unit.

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

“We’ve been involved in this project from the beginning, helping shape plans for the redevelopment and enabling works to start on site. It’s exciting to now be recognising the start of construction and knowing that these plans will soon become reality. We look forward to continuing our successful partnership with NHS Lothian to ensure that patients will benefit from modern, fit for purpose facilities and the community will benefit from investment in the local area.”

The redevelopment of the campus is planned to be undertaken in phased stages, beginning with phase one. The projected timescale for completion of phase one is Autumn 2016.
All Go for Rising Rolls
Phase 3

Testament to the success of the Rising Rolls Initiative over the previous 2 years, we are again working in partnership with the City of Edinburgh Council to provide high quality, permanent extensions to 7 schools in the city, helping tackle the issue of rising school rolls.

Our Tier 1 Contractor, Morrison Construction, will be on site soon, and the facilities will be completed in time for the start of the 2015/16 school year in August.

A new extension for Windygoul Primary

On a snowy day in January, we braved the elements to mark the start of work on site at Windygoul Primary School in Tranent, with our colleagues from East Lothian Council, as well as our Tier 1 Contractor - Morrison Construction.

The school first opened in 2007 and due to rising school rolls, has since been extended by four permanent classrooms and four further temporary classrooms.

On completion of the new permanent extension, there will be a total of 25 classrooms, together with expanded dining area, additional general purpose rooms and ancillary spaces.

A key aspect of the Hub initiative is working with our public sector partners to develop solutions which address future requirements. The school extension at Windygoul is an excellent example of this in action.

The new extension will be ready for pupils and staff to use for the start of the 2015/16 term in August.

SAS Galashiels Complete

Our first project in partnership with the Scottish Ambulance Service was handed over on time and on budget in January.

The new Ambulance Station in Galashiels will be officially opened in the coming months and we will cover this in a future issue of Hub News. But already, feedback is positive...

“It was the cleanest handover we have experienced.”

“The staff are delighted with the facility.”

“This was delivered to our specifications and to a very high standard.”

Hubco Delivering Value for Money:

The Affordability Cap identified in agreement with the Participant at New Project Request Stage for the Windygoul extension was just over £3.9m.

However, as a result of collaborative working between Hubco, the Participant (East Lothian Council Capital Projects Team), the Tier 1 Contractor and Design Team, the final cost agreed was actually reduced.

This saving of £167,000 (4.3% of the total cost) was achieved through a rigorous process of market testing, and by working together to follow the Hub process, ultimately driving down costs whilst still ensuring a high standard of quality as well as programme certainty.

This is an excellent demonstration of partnership working and is demonstrable evidence of the added value provided through Hub South East Scotland.
Internal Restructuring to Provide Better Services

We are continually looking for ways of being more efficient and providing better services to Participants. As such, we are restructuring the team internally to give a more distinct focus on two elements - the development of future projects and the operational side of current projects. Bill Martin, formerly General Manager is heading up the Development side of the business and Richard Park, formerly Development Manager, will oversee Operations.

Bill said: “One of the key strengths of Hubco is our ability to develop innovative, value for money, project based solutions that meet public sector policy, strategy and key deliverables. As part of the Hubco Management Team, I am keen to continue working closely with all Participants and our experienced supply chain, to explore new opportunities which will ultimately assist the public sector in enhancing service delivery to the residents of South East Scotland. This role is a great challenge, especially in times of financial restraint, and is one i’m excited to be taking on.”

Richard said: “This is a fantastic and challenging opportunity and one I’m really looking forward to embracing. I see one of my main objectives in the coming months around forging closer working relations with our all of our Participants. As a team, we’re acutely aware of changes around public sector service models and increasing pressure on capital and revenue budgets and I see this new role as an opportunity to continue to build on the successes we have collectively achieved to date.”

Their new role will see Bill and Richard attend Board meetings and they will help shape the strategic direction of the company. Colleagues in Participant organisations will still have liaison with their regular day to day contacts, and we are confident that the changes being made will make us a more focussed, efficient development partner.

Spreading Festive Cheer in North West Edinburgh

Our Tier 1 Contractor, GRAHAM Construction, has recently been on site carrying out enabling works for the North West Edinburgh Partnership Centre, a Hubco project, in partnership with NHS Lothian and the City of Edinburgh Council. GRAHAM Construction ran a competition locally just before Christmas and had over 50 entries. Five winners were selected at random and each received £15 Morrisons supermarket vouchers.

Robert Pearson, Chairman of Tenants and Residents in Muirhouse, and the Manager of Muirhouse Community Shop thanked our Contractor for donating the vouchers and stated that he, along with the local community, was delighted at the high standard and quality of our work and that they were extremely impressed at the engagement with the local community during the enabling works.

On Course to Hand Over Gillespie’s Teaching Block

The first part of the £34m James Gillespie’s High School to be completed will be the teaching block. The site is currently a hive of activity as we work towards a handover, in time for the pupils to start using the building after the Easter break.

Some school staff have been lucky enough to have a preview of the building and all are looking forward to the fantastic new teaching facilities for the school community...

’so much daylight’ ‘this will be amazing’
‘look at the size of the library!’ ‘I can’t wait’

The high school rebuild is part of the unique James Gillespie’s Campus Project which will see new buildings being constructed across all aspects of the campus which serves pupils aged 3 to 18 in nursery, primary and high schools all on the same site.

In 2013, Hub South East completed a new nursery; two new classrooms and a gym at the Primary School. After the High School’s Teaching Block is finished, we will start work on the Sports and Performance buildings and the whole project should be complete for the 2016/17 school term starting.
With the project having just past the halfway mark, an open day for local people to register their interest in working on the Galashiels Transport Interchange was held in early February in the Borders.

Employment opportunities were available with sub-contractors already operating on £5.2 million project, while companies seeking to get involved as a sub-contractor on future projects also came along to hear more.

If you were unable to make it along on the day but still want to register your interest in any available opportunities, please contact Craig Boyle on 01896 668 901 or email: craig.boyle@morrisonconstruction.co.uk

If you’re interested in joining the Hubco supply chain, you can register with our Tier 1 Contractors for work opportunities on Hub projects at: www.hubsoutheastscotland.co.uk/supply-chain/opportunities-for-smes

Engineering Science students from Earlston High School got a birds-eye view of the Galashiels Transport Interchange recently as part of our aim to ensure educational benefits locally through Hub projects.

The S3 pupils were taken around the Transport Interchange site by staff from our Tier 1 Contractor - Morrison Construction.

They were given access to the whole building, with the finale being a trip up to the roof for a skyline view of Galashiels, which highlighted the connection between the Transport Interchange and Borders Railway once both open to the public later this year.

Scottish Borders Council’s Executive Member for Economic Development, Councillor Stuart Bell, said: “Galashiels Transport Interchange is progressing well, with the building now taking shape ahead of its summer opening. It will play a key role in the Council’s long term aim to provide better connections between all means of sustainable transport.”

We’re currently organising a Charity Golf Day on 4th June at Duddingston Golf Course, with support from our Tier 1 Contractors as primary sponsors - GRAHAM Construction and Morrison Construction.

We will be inviting Participant and Supply Chain teams to enter, with the aim of having a fun day out, whilst raising money for a worthy cause.

We will be asking our Participants to agree on a charity and will do our best to raise as much as possible!

At the moment we’re gauging interest to see who would like to get involved, so if you’re up for it, we’d love to hear from you.

Further information will be sent out in due course.

If you’re interested in entering a team, sponsoring, or donating prizes, please contact Holly on 0131 226 0901 or email: hollypassmore@hubsoutheast.co.uk