

Fact Sheet

The St Columba's Hospice Rebuild Project

Over the next four years, St Columba's Hospice will be completely rebuilt to create a state-of-the-art, specialist palliative care facility. Following are the key facts about how each area of St Columba's Hospice will be rebuilt, and the benefits the project will bring for patients, families, staff and volunteers.

In-patient unit

Our 30 bed in-patient unit will be completely rebuilt on two floors, creating bright, spacious and modern facilities for patients and families. The improvements to the in-patient unit include:

- Modern and comfortable patient rooms that are designed to look and feel like real bedrooms, with features to conceal medical equipment and support wellbeing and relaxation.
- More privacy for patients and flexibility for admissions, by redeveloping our in-patient unit to accommodate 18 single rooms and four 3 bedded rooms.
- Larger and better equipped patient rooms, all benefitting from ensuite shower facilities, access to the outdoors and the latest moving and handling equipment.
- Improved facilities for families, with space in all single rooms for families to stay overnight and more family rooms.
- A new coffee room for patients and their visiting family and friends.
- Relocation of our catering, laundry and maintenance facilities to be underneath the in-patient unit, which will improve the efficient running of the Hospice.

Day Hospice

The Day Hospice will move to a newly refurbished space to suit the needs of a changing care service. The improvements to the Day Hospice include:

- More space for providing complementary therapies for patients and families, including therapeutic massage, reiki, Indian head massage and cranio-sacral therapy.
- A new cafe facility for patients and visitors.
- Larger windows to provide even better views of the beautiful Firth of Forth.
- More areas for patients and families to have quiet and reflective time.

Out-patient service

A new out-patient service will be developed to support our approach to individualised patient care. The out-patient facility will enable the multidisciplinary team to assess and review more patients while at home.

A new Columba Room – our spiritual space

A brand new Columba Room will be created - a spiritual space for people of all faiths and of no faith to come for relaxation, calm and contemplation. The Columba Room will have a large picture window overlooking the beautiful views of the Firth of Forth. This is where the 'Time of Remembrance' will be held for families to come and remember loved ones in an atmosphere of peace and calm.

The Centre for Excellence in Palliative Care Education

A new education facility will be created next door to the existing hospice, which will house the Centre for Excellence in Palliative Care Education. This will support and enhance our successful palliative care education programmes, including our BSc and MSc in Palliative Care. The centre will also keep St Columba's Hospice at the forefront of palliative care education in the UK and the rest of the world. The Centre for Excellence in Palliative Care Education will feature:

- A lecture theatre and seminar rooms with modern study facilities for students.
- A purpose built Learning Resource Centre, which will house a library, computer suite and reading room.

Gardens

Our new gardens have been designed to allow patients to get outside more easily in their beds, and they will also be much more wheelchair friendly. The new gardens have also been designed to attract birds and butterflies and different scents and textures.

Improved accessibility

Lifts will be installed throughout the hospice so all patients, families and staff can move around more easily.

Catering facilities

A state-of-the-art kitchen will be created, which has been designed to facilitate production of the excellent quality home cooked meals we provide our patients with, and enable greater variety and flexibility in our menus. The new kitchen will also make it easier for our chefs to meet the needs of patients with limited appetites and special dietary requirements.

Car parking facilities

A new and larger car park will be created to allow patients and their visitors to park much closer to the Hospice, reducing the need to park in surrounding streets. There will also be more car parking spaces for blue badge holders at the entrance of the Hospice.

Laundry facilities

Our laundry will be fitted with new machines to meet ongoing infection control standards, while the new location under the in-patient unit will enable staff to provide a quicker turnaround of our linen service.

Workshop

Our new workshop will support our staff in providing a more effective maintenance service, with outside access and dedicated storage areas.

Administration facilities

Our administration departments will be designed to allow for more effective and integrated working among teams.