

## **Altnagelvin Redevelopment Phase Three**

Health Estates staff were happy to learn during June that Altnagelvin Hospital had received approval for the award of a £32.9 million contract for the next phase of the redevelopment of the hospitals 'Tower Block'. This contract is part of the planned £150 million redevelopment of Altnagelvin.

Health Estates have been involved in ongoing preparatory work at the hospital site for some time to ensure the necessary infrastructure is in place for the redevelopment and will assume project management of this new phase.

The new accommodation, connected, to the south face of the 'Tower Block', will provide replacement facilities for some key services, including maternity and neo-natal services, cancer services, adult acute services and rehabilitation services, as well as providing a new patients records department and staff changing facilities.

The main 'Tower Block' will receive a dramatic makeover. Each floor will be carefully remodelled to create more comfortable wards and extra space for each bed. The new lighter, brighter wards will give patients greater privacy and will ultimately ensure a welcoming, relaxed environment for patients, their visitors and hospital staff.

The contract has been awarded to a construction team led by Farrans Construction Ltd, under the project management of Health Estates, with completion scheduled for late 2008.

Trust Chairman, Gerard Guckian said,

“This phase of Altnagelvin’s multi-million pound project will create a platform around which the complete redevelopment and refurbishment of Altnagelvin’s ‘Tower Block’ will take place. It will leave the hospital with some of the most technologically advanced facilities in the UK.”

In addition to this work, an £18 million PPP/PFI (Public Private Partnership/Private Finance Initiative) Laboratory and Pharmacy Services Centre is currently under construction at Altnagelvin, with completion expected in approximately 12 months.