

# Health Minister Visits the Critical Care Complex at the Ulster Hospital

On 15<sup>th</sup> October, the Health Minister, Michael McGimpsey, visited the Critical Care Complex at the Ulster Hospital which is currently under construction.

Construction commenced on the £53 million Critical Care Complex at the Ulster Hospital on 31 March 2007. The 15,470m<sup>2</sup> project is on target to achieve its scheduled completion date in April 2010. This building is the final element in the Phase A Redevelopment of the Ulster Hospital.

The Phase A Redevelopment has already delivered:

- New renal dialysis unit
- New maternity unit
- New car park
- New central site storage
- Extension to Care of the Elderly

The Critical Care Complex will provide:

- Theatres
- Intensive Care
- CSSD
- Laboratories
- Endoscopy



Artist Impression of Critical Care Complex

The Critical Care Complex is one of the most technologically advanced health care buildings currently under construction in the UK. The Trust is proud to announce the installation of the latest state of the art modular operating room system within all seven theatres. This is the first public sector installation of the 'Maquet' modular system in Northern Ireland.

The Critical Care Complex will include the following services:

## **Level 1 - Central Sterile Services Department**

This highly automated state of the art facility will be the most advanced sterile service department in Northern Ireland. It will provide decontamination services to the whole of the South Eastern Trust and other health care organisations.

## **Level 2 and 3 – Theatre, Recovery and Intensive Care Staff Changing and Administration**

The seven modular operating theatres, of which two are laminar flow, have fully integrated PACs systems and are equipped to the latest radiation and laser protection requirements.

The 16 bed Intensive Care Unit comprises of four two bedded bays and eight single rooms of which three have specialist isolation facilities (2 source isolation and 1 protective isolation).

The development will see an expansion in theatre and intensive care facilities of one extra theatre, four extra recovery beds and six additional intensive care beds.

#### **Level 4 - Laboratories**

The new laboratories, which comprise of microbiology, haematology, biochemistry, serology and a specialist Category 3 containment room, will help to deliver services in line with the recently established Laboratory Review for NI.

<b>Project Cost:</b>	<b>£53million</b>
<b>Start Date:</b>	<b>March 2007</b>
<b>Completion:</b>	<b>April 2010</b>
<b>Opening:</b>	<b>Sept 2010</b>
<b>Architect:</b>	<b>Todd Architects</b>
<b>Contractor:</b>	<b>Gilbert Ash</b>