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Agenda Item: 10.

## **Integration Joint Board**

**Date of Meeting: 21 February 2024.**

**Subject: New Kirkwall Care Facility - Update.**

### **1. Purpose**

1.1. This report provides a further update on progress with the new Kirkwall care facility.

### **2. Recommendations**

The Integration Joint Board is invited to note:

2.1. Progress made since the last full report to the Integration Joint Board in June 2023, as follows:

2.1.1. Works are considered to be proceeding at a steady pace, although some minor alterations to bedroom layouts, as well as delays to service connections, have resulted in a revised completion date of December 2024.

2.1.2. Suggestions for the name of the new facility have been received from Kirkwall and St Ola Community Council, following their consultation with pupils of local primary schools.

2.1.3. That residents, families and staff members were invited to vote on the suggestions.

2.1.4. That the new facility will be called Kirkjuvagr House.

### **3. Progress Update**

3.1. Progress on the new Kirkwall care facility was last reported to the Integration Joint Board in June 2023.

3.2. Since then, there has been a further slight delay to the anticipated completion date, with delivery now due in December 2024. Once the build is complete, a commissioning and testing period will follow.

3.3. There have been delays to power, drainage, and water main connections.

3.4. There have been some alterations to the bedroom layouts and en-suite bathrooms, to accommodate safer routes for the hoist tracks.

3.5. The north end of the build is wind and watertight, with plumbing and electrical works ongoing internally, as well as the installation of plasterboard to walls and ceilings.

3.6. The south end of the build is two-thirds wind and water tight, with one link corridor not yet sealed, owing to the need for easy access to the central courtyard.

3.7. The first site visit for Integration Joint Board members and Elected Members of Orkney Islands Council took place on 1 February 2024 and pictures of the build have been shared with residents at St Rognvald House.

3.8. Officers have received suggestions for the name of the new facility from Kirkwall and St Ola Community Council, following their consultation with pupils of local primary schools.

3.9. The proposed names were presented to St Rognvald House residents and their families who were asked to select their preferred name. 37 forms were returned, with the results as follows:

- 30% voted for Muddisdale House.
- 62% voted for Kirkjuvagr House.
- 8% voted for 'Other' and had commented 'St Rognvald House'.

## 4. Contribution to quality

Please indicate which of the Orkney Community Plan 2023 to 2030 values are supported in this report adding Yes or No to the relevant area(s):

<b>Resilience:</b> To support and promote our strong communities.	Yes.
<b>Enterprise:</b> To tackle crosscutting issues such as digital connectivity, transport, housing and fuel poverty.	No.
<b>Equality:</b> To encourage services to provide equal opportunities for everyone.	Yes.
<b>Fairness:</b> To make sure socio-economic and social factors are balanced.	Yes.
<b>Innovation:</b> To overcome issues more effectively through partnership working.	Yes.
<b>Leadership:</b> To involve partners such as community councils, community groups, voluntary groups, and individuals in the process.	Yes.
<b>Sustainability:</b> To make sure economic and environmental factors are balanced.	Yes.

## 5. Resource and financial implications

5.1. There are no immediate human resource implications arising from this report.

5.2. It is anticipated that the new facility will employ the same staffing numbers as St Rognvald House and, consequently, will be revenue cost neutral, apart from the additional property revenue cost of £152,000, in the short period that both properties are the responsibility of the partnership.

## 6. Risk and equality implications

6.1. There are no risk or equality implications arising directly from this report.

## 7. Direction required

Please indicate if this report requires a direction to be passed to:

NHS Orkney.	No.
Orkney Islands Council.	No.

## 8. Escalation required

Please indicate if this report requires escalated to:

NHS Orkney.	No.
Orkney Islands Council.	No.

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