



View of the North elevation



## Winter 2024/25

Welcome to the fifth issue of the N.E. Scotland & Northern Isles Integrated Mortuary Project Newsletter. This issue includes a report from the Project Director and updates on progress with the building and plans for the move.



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### Project Directors Update

The Integrated Project Team are working closely to deliver the programme as planned without compromise on quality and good progress has been made since our last update. Work is on track for the building construction to be completed in early 2025 to then allow for a commissioning period before the building is operational in Spring 2025.

The majority of the external building fabric works are complete with small sections of facing brickwork to be finished around the garage area. As the photo (above/below) shows, the majority of the scaffolding has been removed.

Internally, the installation of partitions on the first floor continues with the focus at ground floor being the installation of mechanical and electrical services and equipment.

Works also continue externally in preparation for power and water in January.

The overall building is transforming in alignment with the Art Strategy, bringing more of the outside in with the internal courtyards in the bereavement suites. Also, the full-length glazing on the north elevation together with the pastel / earthy interior design, is starting to create the planned therapeutic internal environment for the bereaved.



View from the North elevation gap



Looking towards Westburn Road

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### What Else Is Happening?



#### Equipment

Throughout the duration of the project, the team continually reflect back to the intended benefits, which include improving experiences and enhancing the quality of services provided. This focus ensures that decisions align with the project's goals and priorities. Work is ongoing on the installation and training for the new, improved equipment that will be in the facility, including hoists and a CT Scanner. These advancements are expected to significantly enhance operational efficiency and support better outcomes.

#### Mechanical, Electrical & Plumbing

The Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing (MEP) installation is making great progress, with commissioning and testing set to begin early in the new year. The building now has an energized electrical supply. Inside, the fit-out is moving along smoothly, with suspended ceilings and floor coverings currently being installed, as shown in the photo to the right.



#### Internal Designs

As we move closer to construction being completed, focus has been on the finer details for inside the building. This includes making decisions about colours and fabrics for the soft furnishings. Stakeholders have been involved in the discussions, reviewing samples and picking their preferred options.

We have also been continuing to work with local Bereavement Midwives and local charity organisations to agree details for the infant bereavement suite.

#### Planning For The Move

As plans for the move into the new building are being developed, with a focus on making the transition as smooth as possible for all involved, the Project Team are working on a migration plan. This will allow all stakeholders to inform the plan for the commissioning period, ensuring requirements for access and training needs for essential business are considered and prioritised and built into the plan.



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