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Friends of Our New Hospital – What Will & Will Not Be In Our New Hospital

The Friends of Our New Hospital have released a Bulletin today summarising what will and will not be in the new Hospital according to the Functional Brief Report released by the Our Hospital Project group on 8th February.

The Friends say there is much to be welcomed in the Report. However, the Friends have concluded that out of 53 functional departments currently operating in the Gloucester Street General Hospital, it appears that at least 18 functional departments will not be included in the new hospital planned for Overdale.

Bruce Willing of the Friends Commented:

“It is clear from the Our Hospital Report that our new hospital will be an Acute Hospital, not a General Hospital as we have at the moment. Missing in the Acute Hospital will be major departmental functions such as Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Hospital Dentistry, a Diabetes Clinic and many other departments currently provided in the General Hospital and the Samares Ward. The Brief states that many of these functions will be carried out in the community by the Jersey Care Model but the JCM is not in place and remains unproven.”

The Friends’ Bulletin also notes that the Functional Brief Report does not include the Radio Therapy facilities needed to reduce the cost and inconvenience of off-Island treatment often discussed in the JCM public presentations in 2019. In addition, there is a lack of analysis of the space allocated to functional departments and the number of beds in the new Hospital.

Peter Funk of the Friends commented further:

“The Functional Brief Report states it is work in progress but considering Overdale has been selected and architects and contractors have been appointed, communicating a full and complete brief to the public is critical. In the meantime, the Friends conclude that we need a General Hospital not an Acute Hospital.”

Release ends

For further background please go to Bulletin 10 on our website <https://ournewhospital.org.je> where you will also find a great many other documents about Our New Hospital.

Friends of Our New Hospital

Our objective is to create and sustain a public campaign to assist Our Government in achieving the best possible new hospital for our Island.

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