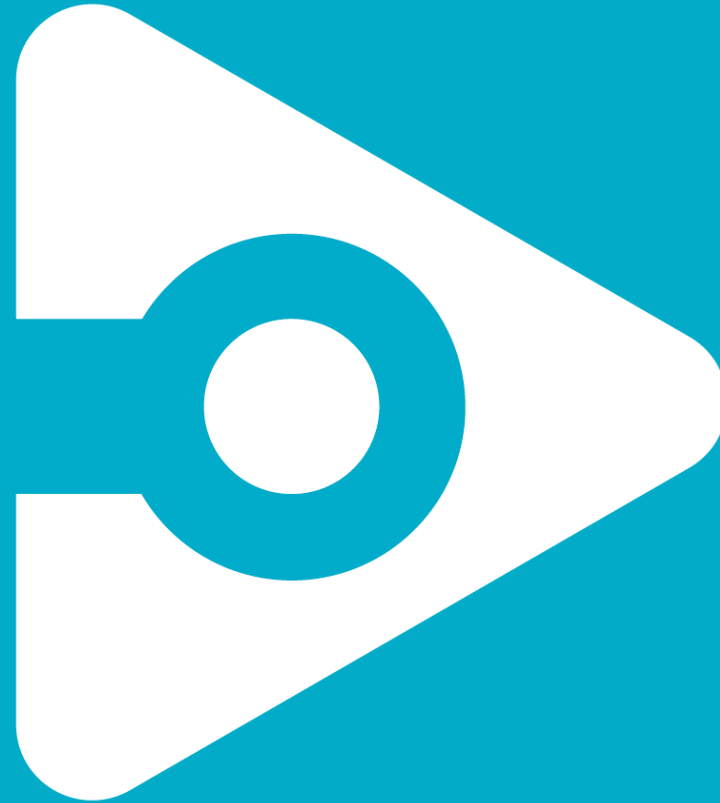


Health & Care Futures

Fermanagh • West Tyrone



The health
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conversation

A vision for the future - Fermanagh and West Tyrone

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Fermanagh West Tyrone (FWT) Health and Care Futures Project Mandate from Trust Board:

7 October 2025

Trust Board formally agreed to the proposed approach, enabling a sequence of steps towards the design and development of a vision plan, which would include specific work on SWAH, and which would be people and place based, focussing on Health and Care needs in Fermanagh and West Tyrone.

Trust Board closes the current public consultation to move forward on visioning work for 'Future Health Services in Fermanagh and West Tyrone'

07/10/2025

The Western Trust Board has met to discuss the recent pause to the Public Consultation on the permanent change to Emergency General Surgery in the Western Trust.

Trust Board has taken the decision to close this current Public Consultation and will now move forward on visioning work for 'Future Health and Care Services in Fermanagh and West Tyrone'.



Project approach:

- **Outcome: A sequence of steps towards development of a vision plan**
 - Development of a Vision for Fermanagh and West Tyrone as a “People and Place” with SWAH integral to that work
- **Important dependencies:**
 - Identification of population health needs and future projections
 - Consideration of primary care and community care interfaces
 - Research evidence on the role of rural hospitals
 - DoH policy developments on Neighbourhood Model
 - Enhanced public engagement & involvement
- **Enablers and Leadership:**

Dedicated Project Management Office in place (Sept 25) to support the work, SME support to guide the engagement design, governance by Steering Group, Board oversight by ItI Committee.

Fermanagh West Tyrone (FWT) Health and Care Futures Project

Timeline and work to date:

October 2025 to January 2026:

- Comprehensive series of staff and external stakeholder engagement meetings - to update on the Trust's position, to listen, and to gather information which can inform the engagement process moving forward.
- Extensive Public briefings - MLAs, MPs and Councils; Media, Fermanagh Business Leaders Group, hospital campaign group Save Our Acute Services (2 occasions).

January to March 2026:

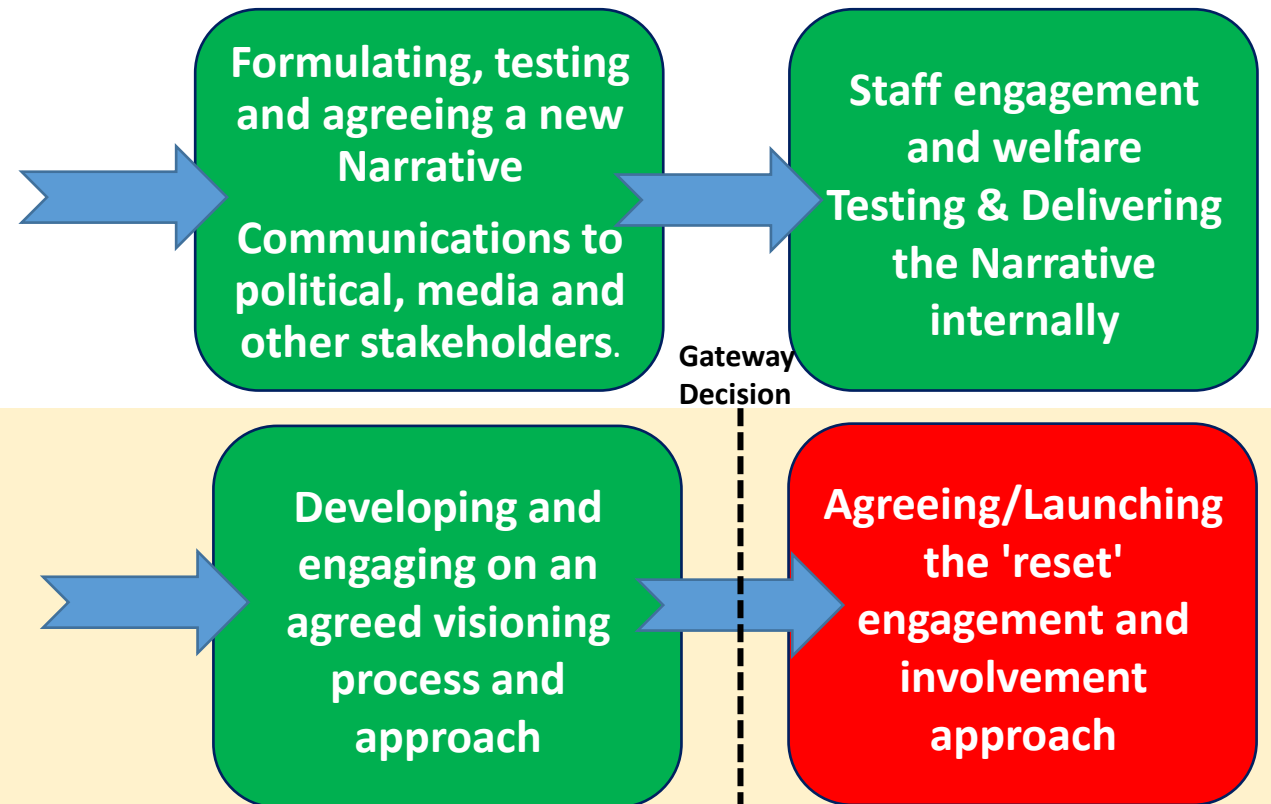
- Expert independent support from HSC Leadership Associates - designing an Engagement Programme and testing the tools and approach
- Working with Partners on delivery planning – informed by established linkage with FODC Health and Wellbeing Network and Community Planning established structures, and local Trust community networks

April to May 2026:

- Pre-engagement phase – regular senior scrutiny and support for approach at FWT H&C Project Steering Group; Staff Engagement (Staff Engagement and Advisory Group monthly meetings), Engagement Meetings with Public Representatives (including Fermanagh and Omagh Council Engagement Workshop and Party Briefing Updates).

“Gateway” - Decision point:

- External Stakeholder Engagement – Public Reps, Key Groups, Media
 - Staff Engagement
 - Communications and PR Campaign: consolidating the EGS narrative and presenting Trust services and staff
- SME support to Engagement Design and delivery - an innovative approach
 - Getting ready for Delivery of the Programme of Engagement
 - “A sequence of steps toward a Vision Plan for Fermanagh and West Tyrone”



Fermanagh West Tyrone (FWT) Health and Care Futures: Examples of Engagement work and Media / PR narrative



Trust data cites 24 per cent drop in emergency surgery mortality

3RD MARCH SWAH HEALTH ENNISKILLEN NORTHERN IRELAND



SWAH. (Image: File Photo.)

By Victoria Johnston
News Editor

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Western Trust launch women's health hub to improve specialist care



Staff at Fintona GP practice (Image: Western Trust)

By Mark McDonnell

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The Western Trust has launched a women's health hub aimed at improving specialist care across Fermanagh and South Tyrone.

The new hub will be based at Fintona Medical Centre, which is one of three practices that have been brought under the Trust's control after they risked going out of business last year.

Fintona, along with Dromore and Trillick and Brookeborough and Tempo were saved after engagement between the Department of Health and the Western Trust.

Now the Trust has launched a GP-led model which focuses on early intervention, advice and comprehensive after care to meet the need for better access to women's health services.

Dr. Billy Maguire is leading the clinic and it will provide support for menopause, hormone replacement therapy (HRT), menstrual conditions, sexual health and contraception.



Western Trust helps keep local GP surgeries open in Tyrone and Fermanagh



Monday 10 November 2025 9:00

THE Western Health and Social Care Trust has intervened and taken action to support several GP practices in Fermanagh and West Tyrone that were at risk of closing and patients being dispersed to other GP Practices, following engagement with the Department of Health.

During a visit to Fintona GP Practice, Dr Maura O'Neill, Director of Community and Older People's Services at the Western Trust, said the Trust was pleased to take quick action to make sure patients could still access care. This Trust support has helped to keep GP services running in Fintona, Dromore and Trillick, and Brookeborough and Tempo, which may have closed down otherwise.



Fermanagh Business Stakeholders Group



Chair of Fermanagh & Omagh

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It was hugely important for me to visit Omagh Hospital and Primary Care Complex to gain greater insight the vital role our health professionals play within our wider health system. The hospital remains a highly valued asset for communities across the Western Trust area. The strong partnership between the hospital and local community-based services is central to shaping the Western Trust's developing Vision for Health and Care Futures for Fermanagh and West Tyrone. The visit also reaffirmed our Council's commitment to supporting accessible, high-quality healthcare for local people and to working closely with the Western Trust as it plans for the region's future needs.



Engagement Design – Our Narrative:

What is the engagement for?

Reaching a wide
cross-section of the
community

Understanding
public views

Focusing on need,
wants and concerns

Exploring future
models of care

Bringing the public
into the conversation

Changing the way we
work to use data to
plan

Creating a sustainable
approach to change

Not linked to specific
service changes

Engagement Design – Our Narrative:

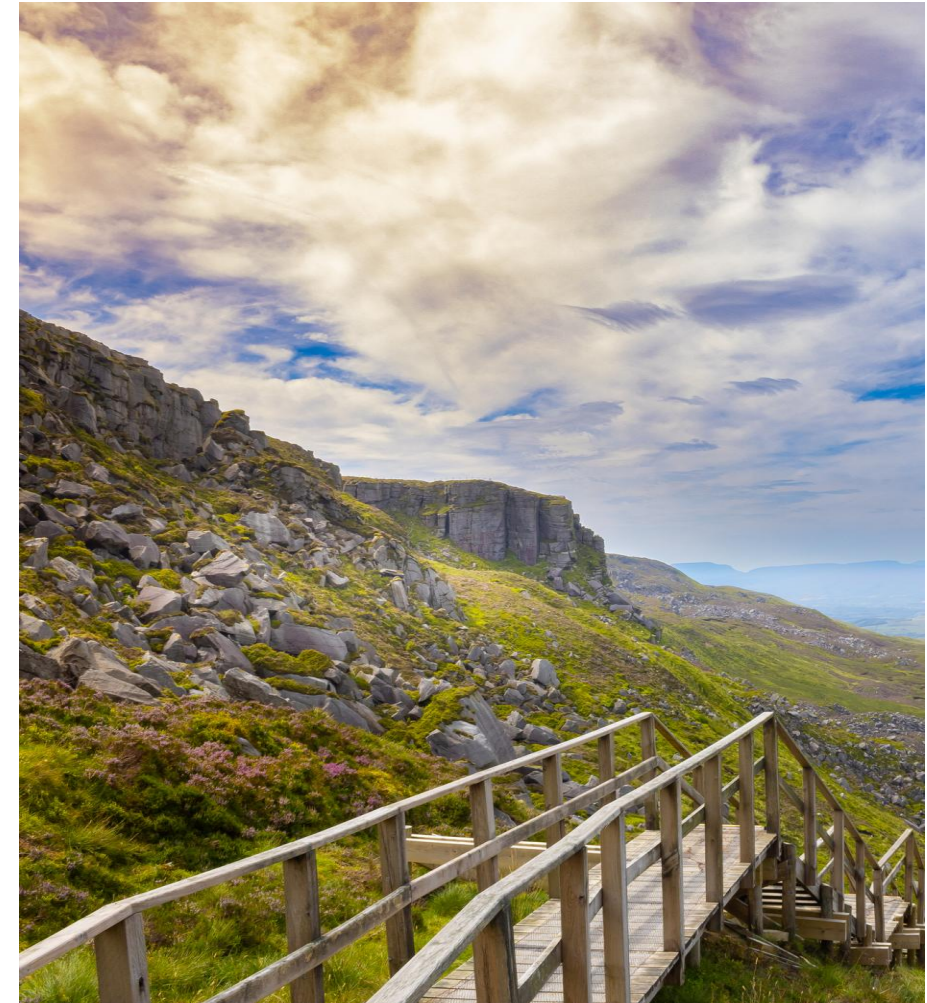
A clear Narrative on “Why are we engaging”:

- We want to create a vision for the future of health and care in Fermanagh and West Tyrone
- To do that we need to understand population and place need for health and care services in this area.
- People’s needs are changing. More people are living longer and often need more support. At the same time, new technology and changes in everyday life are shaping what people expect from services.
- As services change, it’s important they work well for local people and reflect the needs of different communities and individuals.
- This is your chance to tell us what matters most to you what’s working well, what concerns you, and what you would like to see in the future.
- What you tell us will help shape how health and care services are planned and developed in your area.

Engagement Design – Our Narrative:

We want to:

- Help our staff and communities feel heard and understood
- Build confidence in the future of health and care services
- Attract voices from across the whole community, not just those who traditionally engage
- Provide insights that support practical and achievable service planning
- Strengthen political and community support for future transformation
- Establish a foundation for ongoing engagement between the Trust and the communities it serves, creating real conversation leading to a more collaborative and sustainable approach to change.



Engagement Design - Key Messages:

Key Messages

- We know the services we provide sit at the heart of our communities
- People, rightly, expect and deserve high quality services they can count on
- We want future services to be designed around those who need them; creating genuine local ownership that feels authentic, constructive, and inclusive
- Our communities' needs are changing and we need to make sure the services we provide are fit for purpose now and in the future
- We need future services to be planned around our community's needs
- This conversation will use innovative tools and approaches to get a well-rounded view from across local communities targeting people from different demographics and backgrounds, those close to health and care services and those whose interactions are less frequent or in the future
- The findings of the engagement exercise will provide a foundation on which we can plan, design and transform health and care services both now, and in the future

Engagement Design:

The Trust engaged with HSC Leadership Centre Associates to support the development of a Vision engagement programme.

This is the same team which is working on the DoH *'This is our Health'* programme of engagement

They have conducted test engagements with staff and public/patients

We have now approved a questionnaire and models of engagement to further pre-engage with stakeholders in the months ahead.

HSC Leadership Centre Northern Ireland
Independent Guidance - Denise Hampson & Hannah Clubb

Questions



Engagement Delivery Planning: Next Steps & Timeline:

Subject to Trust Board approval, Formal Engagement Phase will begin

June to September 2026

- structured programme of Staff and Community engagement.
- Working closely with Fermanagh and Omagh District Council to support Engagement planning and delivery
- Utilising established community planning structures, including the FODC Integrated Wellbeing Network and Community and Voluntary Sub-Group
- Engagement Delivery plan reflects the diversity of FWT population, including Section 75 groups.

From November 2026:

- Structured stakeholder engagement phase will end in September 2026
- Initial analysis of insights/actionable insights presented to Trust Board in November 2026
- Work on the Vision will formally commence, informed by the extensive engagement

Next Steps:

- Approval of Trust Board to proceed with the formal engagement phase of the FWT Health & Care Futures Project
- Information to Staff and the public on Trust Board deliberations today
- Continuing media/comms features and information on a variety of Trust services in the months ahead.
- Engagement preparation continue with launch early June 2026.
- ItI Committee continued oversight of the project.
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