Appendix 3



THE VISION

Leanchoil will be an innovative place that inspires our community to focus on their own improved wellbeing, both now and in the future.



THE PROJECT

Leanchoil closed its doors in November 2018, after serving the community of Forres for over 125 years. Community consultations in 2019 and 2020 identified the desire for it to be saved and developed into a community health and wellbeing centre and has driven the vision for the conservation of this special place.

Over the last three years Leanchoil Trust has been working closely with NHS Grampian to transfer ownership of the hospital to the community. The Asset Transfer Request was submitted on 16 December 2021 with the ambition that the transfer will be complete by early 2023. Following two years of renovation the Leanchoil Centre will open in mid-2025.

Leanchoil Trust is working together with NHS Grampian, Scottish Ambulance Service, Erksine, Robertson Property, Hanover Housing, Moray Council and Health and Social Care Moray to deliver a future centre of excellence for the local community. Sited in the old hospital building, the Leanchoil Centre will provide state of the art facilities for health and wellbeing focussed services, an Erskine Veterans' Activity Centre and a social cafe at its heart. The Scottish Ambulance Service will remain on site, enabling them to share the new facility. A range of supported living accommodation will be built within the grounds which will bring together the concept of Leanchoil as a micro-village which is welcoming and health-focussed for all who live and visit there. We see NHS Grampian as a key partner to guide the ideas that will help fund and secure the project for future community benefit.



LEANCHOIL

Better health starts here

FACILITIES AND SERVICES

Leanchoil is uniquely placed to support its community to improve people's physical and mental wellbeing. The iconic building nestles in 9 acres of beautiful grounds and woodlands offering countless opportunities for health and social care providers and 3rd sector organisations to deliver on national initiatives including Scottish Government's strategy to tackle social isolation and loneliness within its Covid recovery response.



Proposed Layout of Leanchoil Centre

- Prehabilitation services dietary services, physio and occupational therapy
- Erskine veterans' activity centre (EVAC)
- Scottish Ambulance Service
- Space for third sector (charity) partners including tsiMORAY
- Outdoor and indoor space to enable social prescribing of activities for mental health
- Social cafe with employment and volunteer opportunities
- Supported living accommodation for local people
- Collaboration with Forres Health & Care Centre

EVAC

Erskine is committed to providing support facilities to the large population of veterans in the north of Scotland. Plans to create a temporary EVAC in the Nurses' Home at Leanchoil are progressing well, and it is anticipated that this will open in Autumn 2022, showing the significant commitment demonstrated by this national charity to the Leanchoil project.



Former Nurses' Home

LEANCHOIL

A significant, innovative, and multi-faceted project that will build on public support and extensive collaboration with partners to deliver enduring benefit to the people of Forres and its rural communities.