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The latest document relating to the building of the new acute hospital at Larbert is to be published today. An update to the existing Full Business Case, currently hosted on the NHS Forth Valley website, has been prepared and includes detailed information relating to the costs of the project.

The document, which is part of a planned set of publications about the new 860 bed hospital, describes how the procurement of the new acute hospital was carried out and compares the two available procurement routes, namely public sector capital and PFI.

The NHS Board followed the strict guidance from the then Scottish Executive for the procurement of the £300 million hospital. The Full Business Case was approved by the Scottish Health Department in March 2007 and work on the new hospital started in May 2007.

Reviews undertaken throughout the procurement process demonstrated that the PFI route to fund the building of the new hospital consistently offered better value for money for the Board than any other method of procurement.

Speaking about the Full Business Case which was approved by the Forth Valley NHS Board in January 2007, Chairman Ian Mullen OBE said: "I believe that, as an NHS Board, we have a duty to get the best value for money when spending public funds. The NHS Board followed closely the national process for procurement, but needed to be satisfied that it was getting the best deal for the public purse. It was always our intention to publish this information as soon as was practicable, and I believe that it demonstrates that the funding of the project is both affordable for the Board and offers the most economical use of public funds. The figures also contradict some of the wilder estimates of costs that have been bandied around."

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