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Release: Royal Status for New Acute Hospital

ROYAL STATUS FOR NEW ACUTE HOSPITAL

The NHS Board has decided to apply for Royal status for the new acute hospital at Larbert.

The two existing Forth Valley Acute Hospitals both have Royal status, as did the former Royal Scottish National Hospital, on which the new hospital is being built.

The process of applying to the Scottish Government to achieve Royal status will begin soon. The preferred option for the name of the new hospital is 'The Royal Forth Valley Hospital'.

The new hospital, which will have 860 beds, will be completed in stages with the first patients being seen in spring 2010. The final phase will be complete in summer 2011.

It is set in a mature tree lined area and has been designed so that patients in wards can benefit from countryside views.

The hospital is a key part of the integrated healthcare strategy in Forth Valley, designed to bring care closer to people's homes.

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