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GOVERNMENT UNVEIL PLANS FOR NEW MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY: NEW START, NEW BUILDING, NEW NAME

The GHA is launching a competition to seek suggestions for a name for its new Mental Health Facility, which is currently being developed on the Old Royal Naval Hospital site. Building works in the new unit, which is due to open in the summer of 2013 has already started. The next phase, that of further consultation with staff, patients and relatives on the colour schemes and choice of furniture has just begun.

The competition is being launched by Dr. John Cortes, Minister for Health, to coincide with World Mental Health day on 10th October at an open meeting at the John Mackintosh Hall at 5.15pm. Members of the public are invited to attend. The Minister and his team of Mental Health professionals will explain the plans for the new facility, show the designs and take questions.

Chris Chipolina, Clinical Nurse Manager for KGV, who has been leading the work with the architects, explained that in discussions with patients and staff, one issue that was often talked about was a wish to change the name from 'KGV'. 'We want a new building, a new name and a new start', he said. To guide those entering the competition, staff and patients have said they want a name that reflects the 'feel' they want for the new unit. It needs to sound warm and welcoming, a healing place where people come to recover before returning to their lives in the community. As well as the name for the new unit, suggestions for names for the main areas, (2 acute wards, a rehabilitation ward, an elderly care ward and 2 rehabilitation flats) are also needed.

Those wishing to enter the competition can download the form at www.gha.gi
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