

The future of elective (planned) orthopaedic surgery

What is elective orthopaedic surgery?

- Patients referred by general practitioners or specialist physiotherapists to specialist hospital teams
- Hospital orthopaedic clinicians (surgeons, physiotherapists, podiatrists, nurses, radiologists....) assess patient and decide whether to place on waiting list
- Operation is planned with clinics in advance to prepare patient for surgery and recovery (joint schools)
- Surgery undertaken by surgeon who specialises in that particular joint (shoulder, arm, hip, spine, knee, foot)
- Rehabilitation tailored to the needs of each patient with as little time as needed in hospital

What size is elective (planned) orthopaedic surgery?

- 1,500 inpatient operations (requiring an overnight stay) each year
- 2,000 day case operations (patient sent home same day as operation)
- 240 independent sector operations
- 810 operations at National Waiting Times Centre, Clydebank

What may change?

- Proposal for the future location of elective (planned) operations within the new University Hospital Monklands, to be opened in 2028/29
- Planned operations relocated from University Hospital Hairmyres
- Operations which take place in independent hospitals relocated to new Monklands
- Shoulder surgery operations relocated from University Hospital Wishaw at that time
- Other parts of the service remain the same

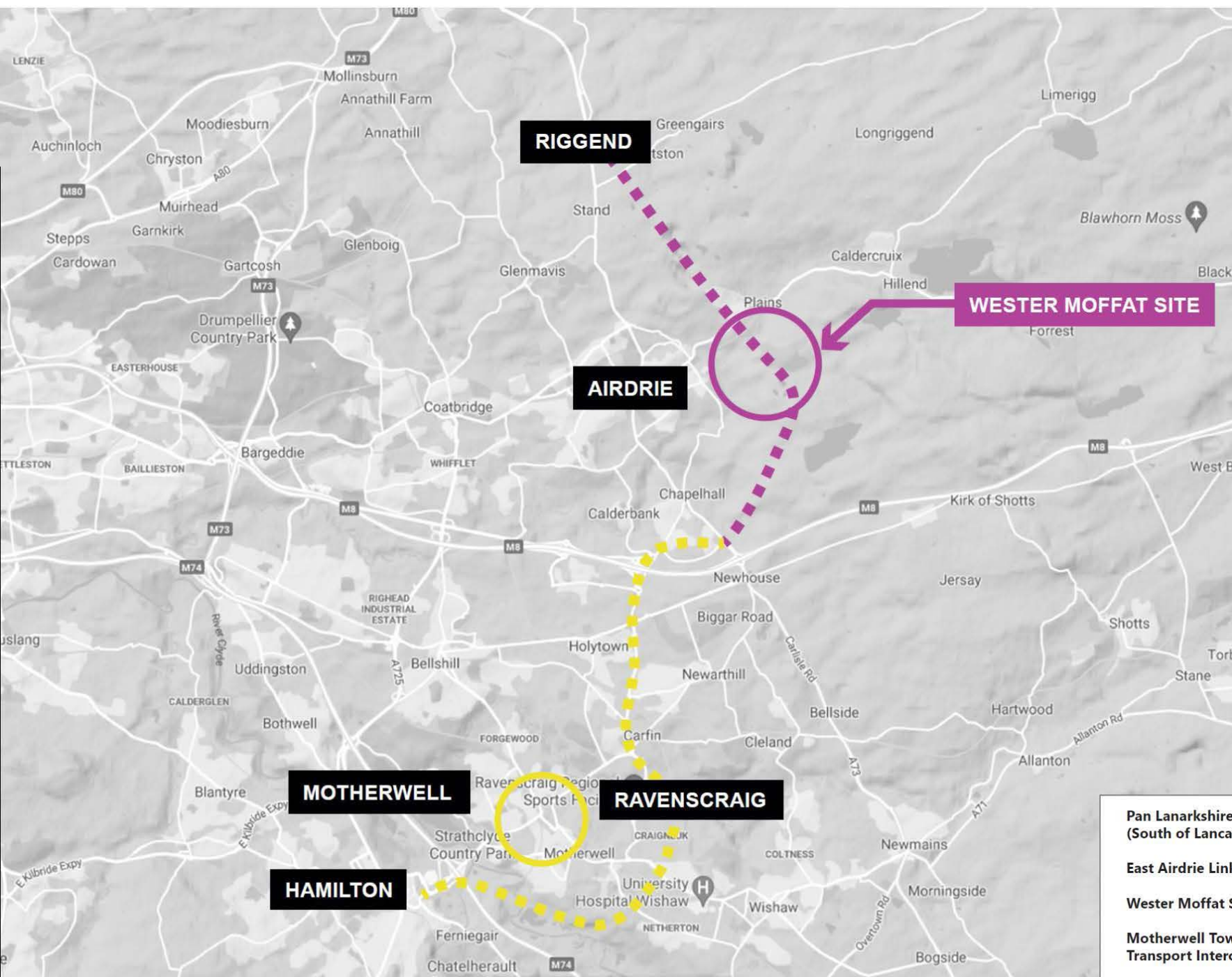
Not under consideration

- Services provided in each Accident & Emergency (fracture diagnosis and treatment) provided at Monklands, Hairmyres and Wishaw
- Specialist emergency (trauma) surgery (e.g. fractured hips) provided at Wishaw trauma centre
- Orthopaedic outpatient clinics (provided at Monklands, Hairmyres and Wishaw)
- Physiotherapy musculoskeletal services and rehabilitation (provided across Lanarkshire)
- Planned surgery at the National Waiting Times Centre Clydebank

THE WESTER MOFFAT SITE



THE SITE CHARACTERISTICS



**Pan Lanarkshire Orbital Transport Corridor
(South of Lancaster Avenue Roundabout)**

East Airdrie Link Road

Wester Moffat Site

**Motherwell Town Centre
Transport Interchange**



The new University Hospital Monklands

- We need to make a decision now
- New UHM will be state-of-the-art hospital with a forward-thinking clinical model
- Located in a picturesque and healing environment
- Ultra-modern workplace
- Latest digital technology to improve patient experience and free up staff to allow more time to care
- Purpose-built operating theatres and large single-bed patient rooms
- Increased parking provision
- Commitment to provide sufficient public transport to hospital
- Improved local road infrastructure by the time hospital opens

Why would this move be a good thing to do?

- Orthopaedics has changed greatly in the last 10 years, and continues to improve with better outcomes
- “Gold standard” would be completed with highly specialised surgical teams
- Hairmyres has limited space, and none for bringing back independent sector work
- New University Hospital Monklands will have purpose-built operating theatres and large single-bed rooms
- This will improve the standard of care, outcomes for patients and the efficiency of the service, providing an attractive place to work for highly specialist staff

What would then happen at Hairmyres?

- Three operating theatres and one ward available in 2028/9 for other use
- These are very valuable clinical facilities and would not be left empty
- This gives opportunities for other clinical developments/expansion
- This would be developed as part of the revised NHS Lanarkshire healthcare strategy
- Early ideas include a larger vascular surgery service, day case surgery, cataract surgery or for new services such as stroke thrombectomy
- A consultation on the new healthcare strategy will take place in 18 months' time, but a decision on the size of the new Monklands has to be made this year

What does this mean for staff?

- Organisational change & redeployment policy will apply if service relocates to new UHM
- Where organisational change proposed we will work in partnership with staff-side colleagues to minimise any impact on staff
- Staff will be treated in a sensitive, open, fair and equitable manner, taking into account what is best for the organisation and the individual
- Staff will suffer no financial detriment
- Additional travel costs for staff who move reimbursed for four years
- Job security

How can I provide my feedback?

Webpage with engagement information

nhslanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk/get-involved/consult-engage/elective-orthopaedics

- Handy engagement guide
- Frequently asked questions
- Complete the online survey <https://nhslanarkshire.engage-360.co.uk/surveys/4>
- Contact us with comments/questions - ortho.engagement@lanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk/01236 713348