Redeveloping our Emergency Department
A&E at the County Hospital

• Only 71% of patients treated within 4 hours – national target is 95%
• Patients waiting in the corridor, with Ambulances queuing outside
• Current space is cramped and in need of refurbishment
• A&E redevelopment is not part of the 3Ts development
What is needed?

To improve our services in these 3 areas

- Increased space for patients who need urgent and emergency care, but do not need to be admitted – ‘Ambulatory Care’
- Increased ward space to take ‘short stay’ patients, who need to be admitted but only need to stay for 2 days or less
- Major refurbishment and increased capacity of the Emergency Department itself
Where have we got to?

- £30m secured (in principle) from the government for the project
- We have submitted a business case asking for this amount & expect to hear back at the end of June
- Reviewed all the options for where we best put the 70 additional beds – the best option is above the A&E drop off area. Ambulances would drive in under the proposed new build
Proposed layout of short stay beds
Proposed Emergency Department layout
What happens next?

- Hoping to have the Business Case approved by the end of June
- Design team now on board and will provide updates to future meetings
- Internal work on Ambulatory Care area to start in August
- External work on the Short Stay beds to start on site in October – and will take approximately 12 months to build
- Refurbishment of Emergency Department complete by March 2019
Questions?