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## Cygnet Wallace Hospital in Dundee Set for Expansion

Cygnet Wallace Hospital is undergoing an extensive renovation and expansion plan as Cygnet sets to play its part in meeting the growing demand for mental health care and ensure people are treated closer to home.

The Dundee-based service is currently a 10 bed specialist high dependency care service providing assessment and treatment for individuals with learning disabilities, as well as mental health difficulties. The hospital, part of the Cygnet Health Care division, is now expanding following an extensive consultation period with local commissioners.

A total investment of £2.2million has been made into the hospital overall, which will see the provision of 10 additional beds. In Spring 2025, it will be opening 8 additional beds, with a further 2 self-contained flats opening later in 2025. The expansion will being new job opportunities for specialist staff to the local area.

Co-production has been at the heart of the expansion with Expert by Experiences (those with lived experience of mental health settings) providing feedback throughout.

Fran Bergin, Cygnet Operations Director (North East and Scotland) said: "All of our new and expanded settings are designed with wellness in mind and our expansion at the hospital will provide a safe and comfortable environment to promote successful recovery.

"We want to be part of the solution to help meet the growing demand for care. This expansion will benefit so many people who require care for their learning disability or mental health struggles.

"We are committed to being part of the eco-system that provides the right care, at the right time in the most appropriate settings.

"This investment at Cygnet Wallace Hospital will ensure more individuals can be treated locally and closer to home. We know this has a positive impact on their chances of a successful recovery."

The expansion at Cygnet Wallace Hospital is part of Cygnet's wider £65million investment in an extensive building and refurbishment programme.

This investment includes six new hospitals opening their doors to patients with a further eight undergoing total modernisation or retooling. Together this will provide 200 additional beds and high quality services for patients and create 1,000 new job opportunities.

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