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Full steam ahead for IFHC in 2012

Work on the Integrated Family Health Centre project continues with the new facility extensions at the community hospital site still expected to be open by the end of this year.

“It’s full steam ahead with a lot of activity underway,” IMG chair John Peters said.

“Our planning is now very advanced. We remain focused on ensuring we deliver an integrated facility for the people of Golden Bay as soon as possible. This means there will continue to be rest home facilities here, as well as a wide range of 24/7 hospital services (from birthing to acute care, continuing care and hospice care), plus full GP services – all in the one location.

“All of the work we have done over the past seven years and the focus of national and international health planning confirms that the integrated services we will deliver for Golden Bay are the way of the future.”

Representatives from the Interim Management Group met with trustees of the Rototai Trust before Christmas. The trust has floated the idea of building a separate medical centre at a site in Rototai Rd.

Mr Peters said it was a useful meeting, and the two groups agreed to continue share information. Mr Peters said the IMG members provided the Rototai trust with information on how the integrated service will be financed and run, and how the project decisions have been made.

“In particular it was useful to address some of the concerns and misconceptions that exist, for instance being able to assure the Rototai Trustees that the community is not exposed to any financial risk, either initially during construction or ongoing.”

Project activity continues on a number of fronts including:

- ❖ Progressing the resource consent application
- ❖ Detailed room-by-room designs
- ❖ Planning towards the project tendering process.