

SITE REDEVELOPMENT NEWS

The newsletter for the redevelopment of the L&D

Hello Again! Apologies if you were a frequent reader and noticed our absence in recent months, the Site Redevelopment Newsletter will now be published quarterly.

Dear Colleagues,



As you all know, our plans to redevelop substantially the hospital have stalled because of a general capital constraint across the whole NHS and the need to have greater clarity of service

configuration deriving from the STP process. There are two points to mention in relation to this period of dormancy: the first is that, with the possible exception of a new office block, we have not abandoned our redevelopment aspirations and currently see little reason to believe that there would be any reason to significantly change our plans. The second point is that we are not sitting back doing nothing; as you will read in the body of this newsletter we have a range of projects to keep this hospital moving forward. Putting these two points together, you will notice many schemes across the Trust coming to fruition: the completion of new wards in St Mary's; the completion of new office accommodation; and work across the Hospital site to improve the infrastructure. All of these projects are clearly focused on improving the delivery of patient care. Please support us with these developments and be patient with the disruption that may be caused. We are all committed to long term improvement to our Hospital and to our Patients.

Kind regards
Simon Linnett, Chairman

New Office Development for 60 staff

This month our Clinical Coding team and Outpatient Clinic Department moved to their new offices on the first floor of the Annexe to Trust Headquarters (also known as block 38 or previously, on-call accommodation). The floor underwent a massive facelift over a 5 week period, to provide office accommodation for 60 staff. The accommodation benefits from new toilet facilities, kitchen facilities and will provide a break out space for staff. Staff are overwhelmingly happy with their new space, with one colleague saying when asked about the new environment, "this is great, I was looking at a wall for 14 years before this."

Extracting offices from the heart of the hospital allows the expansion of clinical services for patients and gives us an opportunity to provide appropriate office accommodation for our staff. The old Clinical Coding offices become the completed Therapies Hub with adult gym; and the old Outpatient Clinic Offices (next to the kitchen) become the new and expanded Oral and Maxillo-Facial Surgery Service (OMFS).

Works to complete the Therapies Hub will take place in May and works to the new OMFS service will start at the end of April, with a construction team on site for 3 months.

Old Coding Offices



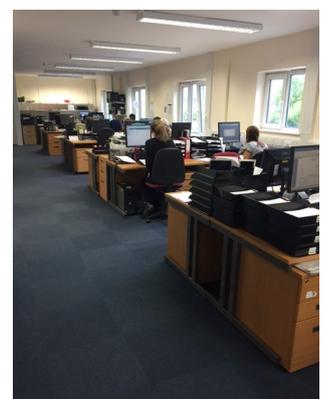
Outpatients Packing Up



Block 38 Construction



New offices



If you have a question about any aspect of the Site Redevelopment, please contact the Site Redevelopment team:

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Refurbishment of the Hospital Chapel

L&D Charitable funding approved a bid in late November for the refurbishment of the Hospital Chapel, supported by additional funding from the Chapel's own fund raising campaign. Works commenced in January providing the Chapel with new flooring, new lighting and improved decoration. The design concept for the Chapel was to provide a more modern environment, suitable for all faiths and worship.

Feedback on the upgrade has been very positive, with staff, patients and visitors finding the new space more welcoming, brighter, lighter and appropriate for different faiths.

The Chaplain is extremely happy that the Chapel is now being used by a greater number of visitors.

Before



After



Oral and Maxillo Facial Surgery (OMFS) Expansion Plans

The OMFS service begins its long awaited redevelopment this month. This will provide an additional 5 clinical rooms, allowing the expansion of Oral Surgery and Orthodontics, and the repatriation of Restorative Dentistry. The new facility will provide a much improved environment in which to care for our patients and will benefit from a dedicated children's area. The project will address some of the capacity issues experienced by the service, where access for patients is one of the most challenged across the Trust. Our construction partner, Carmelcrest will be on site for a period of 3 months from the end of April.



St Mary's News

Work to refurbish the ground floor of St Mary's is now complete, with the final ward opening at the end of March. The new ward benefits from mainly single, en-suite rooms, with 2 infusion bays. Staff who worked to achieve this new facility are extremely pleased with the new environment for patients and commented on how spacious, light and airy the ward feels, and how quickly the space was transformed.



Ward Pantries

After an intense 6 month refurbishment programme to upgrade twenty one Ward pantries across the Hospital, works are now complete thereby allowing Engie to deliver the new Carte Choix food service. This new service offers our patients a far wider choice of food options. The pantries have been fitted out with stainless steel catering grade worktops and cupboards, along with ovens and dishwashers.

Environmental Cleans

When you have been walking around site you may have seen some sealed tent type enclosures. These have been constructed to allow specialist contractors to carry out Environmental Cleans to many of our plant rooms dotted around the site. Works are due to complete in June.

In other news...

- ◇ Engie Changing Rooms get a much needed facelift providing our catering and domestic staff with improved toilet and shower facilities and a clean and tidy environment to change.
- ◇ Plans to relocate the Luton Sexual Health Services Team to the centre of Luton are being progressed.
- ◇ Plans to expand imaging services in line with the Trust's vision are underway
- ◇ Read more about the Trusts proposals for a Helipad in the next edition of Site Redevelopment News