



SITE REDEVELOPMENT NEWS

The quarterly newsletter for the redevelopment of the L&D

Dear Colleagues,



I hoped to be able to write to you in this newsletter to provide you with a definitive answer on whether or not we have managed to secure the capital for the building of the new Acute Services Block. We remain in discussion and expect a definitive answer by end of January 2019. As said in the last newsletter, this is core to our vision and offers significant opportunities to support a superior quality of care to our patients and allow us to address some of the key infrastructure risks we have on site. Since the last newsletter we have delivered on a number of schemes, a number of projects are currently underway and further projects are planned. Read on to learn more about these, and please attend staff briefings where regular updates on site redevelopment will be provided.

Kind regards,
David Carter (Chief Executive)



Paediatric Oncology— completed October 2018

Funded by the Hospital Charity, the two existing paediatric oncology bedrooms were extensively refurbished. This delivers a home from home environment for our longer stay paediatric patients, who often spend weeks at a time in the hospital undergoing treatment. These upgrades have made a big difference to families using them and provided a focal point for the unit.



Pre-Assessment- completed September 2018

Supporting our commitment to service improvement a new centralised surgical pre-assessment hub was created in the space vacated by Phlebotomy. This new facility has facilitated the introduction of a new model of surgical pre-assessment to improve patient experience in the planning and preparation of them for surgery.



COMET— completed November 2018

As part of our wish to maintain our status and reputation as a University Training Hospital we have completed significant upgrades to our COMET facilities. This has included a new Simulation Suite, new seminar rooms, refurbishment of existing rooms and a new Junior Doctors Lounge. Staff are delighted with the new training facilities which has enabled more training to be brought in house.



MRI Suite—completed January 2019

Providing an additional third MRI scanner and upgrades to existing scanners, this project has delivered significant upgrades to the hospital MRI capacity to reduce patient waiting times. The new MRI scanner also provides a state of the art immersive, multi-sensorial experience during the scan reducing patient anxiety and claustrophobia. The project has also improved the patient experience whilst waiting for scans, with new dedicated inpatient bed bays, a outpatient seating area and changing facilities.

Surgical Discharge Lounge and Clean Joint Ward— completed November 2018

Providing significant upgrades to the surgical ward patient environment, this scheme incorporated a number of elements. The new discharge lounge, supported by a satellite pharmacy, provides a more efficient and relaxing discharge process for patients. The clean joint ward reduces the risk of post-operative infection and provides dedicated rehabilitation to reduce length of stay. Finally a new junior doctor hub adjacent to the surgical discharge lounge has been created, delivering further amenities for medical staff.



PROJECTS CURRENTLY ONGOING

Theatres G and H– due for completion July 2019

Delivery of this project is essential for the Trust to be able to provide sufficient operating capacity to meet demand, reducing waiting times for surgery and the size of the waiting list. Work on this project commenced prior to Christmas. The first phase of the project is delivery of a temporary Eye Day Surgery Unit (EDSU) which is located adjacent to the Emergency Department. On the other side of the site the temporary building housing SSSU reception and EDSU have been removed. In preparation for the new modular units housing the new operating theatres and recovery area to be delivered on site in March 2019.



Endoscopy– due for completion March 2019

We are currently tendering for contractors to complete essential works in Endoscopy prior to an external accreditation visit in April 2019. Works include creation of a new male waiting area and accessible toilet.

Endoscope Decontamination Unit– due for completion April 2019

Delivery of this project is essential to provide additional capacity for endoscope cleaning, in order to meet the increasing demand by clinical services. The new cleaning modules will also represent a significant upgrade on existing equipment, which was in urgent need of replacement. A particular benefit of the new system is that it will no longer be based on the expensive cassette based system.

Electrical Infrastructure– due for completion April 2019

Work has now commenced on this project, starting with building a new substation adjacent to the entrance to the hospital from Dunstable Road. These are essential works to improve site resilience as well as to support increasing site infrastructure and are an essential enabler to the building of the two new Theatres project. Any temporary disruption to site services that will be caused by this programme will be communicated in advance to relevant teams.

SPECT due for completion April 2019

Work is currently underway to install a new SPECT machine to replace the ageing Gamma Camera in Nuclear Medicine. This will provide a significant advance on the diagnostic tests that can be conducted within the department, meaning patients will no longer have to be sent off-site.

Pathology Laboratory– due for completion March 2019

The purpose of this project is to increase the useable footprint within the existing laboratory in order to accommodate future service developments. This project requires significant demolition works but the programme has been designed to minimise disruption.

FUTURE PROJECTS

We are currently reviewing a number of different projects for feasibility. These include:

- Delivery of much needed additional visitor car parking. Planning permission has been granted to construct an additional one and a half decks to the Lewsey Road Car Park.
- Creation of a new open plan office in Block 29 to accommodate all teams working for the Director of Quality and Safety Governance
- Working with the Hospital Charity to renovate a residential property on Dunstable Road to provide accommodation for parents of NICU babies. House purchase is expected to complete in February 2019.
- Development of a new Energy Centre, providing significant cost savings and energy efficiency across the site.

