

SITE REDEVELOPMENT NEWS

The quarterly newsletter for the redevelopment of the L&D



Dear Colleagues,

It is fantastic to be able to talk you through this newsletter about so much development work that is going on to make our services better, including Arndale House, which will be the L&D's first real presence in the centre of Luton, and future work on the development of the Helipad.

The Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes (BLMK) STP continues to work to secure the maximum investment into our health care system from a variety of sources. Building on successful bids for investment in primary care technology and estates development last year, BLMK has worked together to assemble a strong case for strategic investment. This is the start of an on-going process and we are using our aggregated voice to support the approach, believing that together, we can achieve more.

All our improvements are aligned to our Hospital Redevelopment which remains our key estate strategy.

Finally, it is worth mentioning that our Charities committee has approved a strategy to use a significant proportion of our accumulated general funds. These will allow even more development work to proceed and you will hear more about this shortly.

Kind Regards
David Carter (Acting Chief Executive)

Luton Sexual Health Services moving to Arndale House

Long awaited plans to move LSHS into the centre of Luton will become reality at the beginning of 2018. The service will move to Arndale House in The Mall, in the centre of Luton. This is a great opportunity for staff within the service to design a facility that is fit for the future and tailored to the needs of clients who use the service. Space freed up on the Hospital site will be used by Women's Services, to run Emergency Gynaecology clinics, Early Pregnancy clinics, General Gynaecology and Oncology clinics.

In June of this year, the Trust approved plans to develop an additional space at Arndale House for clinical service provision. Discussions are currently underway with other Outpatient Services to understand what service would be best placed in the centre of Luton, to support advancement of clinical care and future service provision.

Arndale House offers a town centre location with great amenities, including shops, cafes and a gym and has good access routes by car, rail and bus.

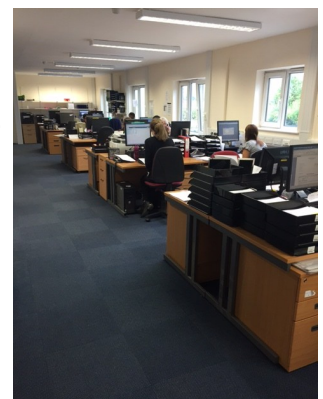


New Offices

The Outpatient Admin Department and the Clinical Coding Team can now be found in new offices on the first floor of Block 38.

Further changes have taken place this month to create space on the ground floor of this block to accommodate the Gastro Team, who relocated from the portacabin on the main Hospital access road. A number of staff from Endoscopy have also moved offices to support the works in Endoscopy to create a staff room and an additional procedure room.

We would like to thank all staff involved in these moves for their support, in particular the T&O team who have adopted a hot desking approach to office working, thus freeing up space to support these changes.



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

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Maxillo Facial Centre and Orthodontics Service Expansion



Before



During

Work continues on the new maxillo facial centre and orthodontic service. The new waiting area will open at the end of July, a bright, light and airy space, with dedicated toilets, baby changing facilities and a small children's play area. Towards the end of August, the new clinical rooms for oral surgery, orthodontics and restorative dentistry will be completed, with the final touches to the unit completing in September.

Mortuary

The Hospital Mortuary will undergo a refurbishment in the Autumn to create additional capacity and to replace old equipment. During construction, a temporary facility will be placed on site, located at the back of pathology.



Changes to the Neonatal Unit

Refurbishment works have commenced within the existing NICU Department to reopen an old nursery that will care for High Dependency babies. The nursery will be completely refurbished, accommodating 6 cots, 2 of these will be in side rooms. Reinstating this HDU nursery will allow 6 cots to be removed from the Intensive Care Nursery, where space is extremely limited, therefore allowing larger cot spaces for ITU babies, which will support clinical care.

Bathroom Doors

Following a Serious Untoward Incident in the Trust last year, all toilet and bathroom doors in clinical areas will be adapted so that they open outwards. This is to ensure access if someone falls inside the bathroom and blocks the door way. Please contact Mark Waring to find out when works are scheduled for your area.

Decontamination and Endoscopy

Design work is currently being undertaken for a new Endoscopy Decontamination unit. This will replace the existing unit and support the expansion of the Endoscopy Department over the next year.

In other news...

- ◇ The MRI expansion project has been approved and design work is underway. This project will see the current MRI scanners replaced and a new MRI facility installed.
- ◇ Design work on the Helipad continues and a major fundraising appeal is launched
- ◇ The Paediatric Oncology team work with a renowned Interior Designer to redesign two en-suite rooms ready for Spring, for children receiving on-going cancer care