



# SITE REDEVELOPMENT NEWS

The quarterly newsletter for the redevelopment of the L&D



Dear Colleagues,

It continues to be a long journey to secure our capital aspirations for the redevelopment of the site, but I am writing to tell you that our vision has not changed. We expect to hear more about our capital bid submission in the Autumn of this year. Securing capital investment would allow us to build the new acute services block, creating a new Delivery Suite and Midwifery Led Birthing Unit; a new Neonatal Unit; a new Critical Care Unit and new Operating Theatres. The opportunities that this development presents would support enhancements in patient pathways, advancements in patient care and system wide efficiencies. In the meantime however, as always, the site does not sit still. It is with credit to all the teams involved in the Arndale House project that we have now moved three large services off of the hospital site and into the centre of Luton, not only have these services benefitted from new and improved facilities with some great early patient and staff feedback, but we have freed up space on the hospital site to develop services across medicine, surgery and women's services. You will read more about these developments on the next page.

For further information about the site redevelopment, do attend one of the staff briefings.

Kind regards, David Carter (Chief Executive)

## Arndale House

Clinics at Arndale House opened to patients at the end of May 2018. Patient experience and feedback for all three services that moved to Arndale House; Sexual Health Services, Dermatology Services and GP Phlebotomy and Anti-coagulation Phlebotomy, has been excellent. One staff member said "I love working at Arndale House, my journey to work has been reduced dramatically and I now get to walk into work. The facility is so light, bright and modern and our patients love it, it has really cut down the number of complaints that we used to receive. And the staff facilities are great!" Staff and members of the project team enjoyed a well deserved celebration earlier this month with the official opening event.



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## What construction work is going on across the Hospital site this Summer?



### Paediatric Oncology Refurb

The two paediatric oncology bedrooms will undergo a huge face lift over the coming weeks to provide a more relaxed, calming and home from home environment for our children, who often spend weeks at a time in the hospital undergoing treatment. The rooms will be completed by the end of the summer.



### Zone B and C works

Minor construction works are underway in Zone B and Zone C of outpatients to create clinic and support space for the Phlebotomy service which will move upstairs from the ground floor of the surgical block, in preparation for go live to patients on the 23rd July 18. The old Phlebotomy department will be closed off to undergo construction work to create the new Pre-assessment hub which is due to open in September.

### New Decontamination Unit

Construction of the new Decontamination unit started in June and is due to complete at the end of the year. The new facility is being built next to Sterile Services and opposite the Maternity Unit. The new unit will provide additional space and thus capacity for the service to support turn around times and growth in clinical services, particularly Endoscopy.

### Pre-assessment hub

Construction work is underway in the old Phlebotomy department on the ground floor of the surgical block. This area is being redeveloped to create a dedicated Pre Assessment Clinic for patients requiring pre operative checks. The new clinic is expected to open to patients in September.

### Comet Works

Construction work will begin in the Comet at the end of the Summer. The changes will provide a dedicated Simulation Suite and break out space to support teaching, and a dedicated Junior Doctors Lounge. The works will also see a new training room created for the training department on the ground floor of Trust HQ.

### Imaging

The new MRI machine opened in June and between now and the end of the year the two existing MRI machines will undergo a refurbishment. This project will see sufficient MRI capacity provided in the department and removal of the visiting MRI van. Works to improve the current environment will begin in the Autumn.

### Surgical Discharge Lounge and Clean Joint Ward

Plans are in place in surgery to create a new Discharge Lounge, Satellite Pharmacy and Junior Doctors Hub, on Ward 23. Additional works will be undertaken on Ward 20 to create a clean joint ward. Works are anticipated to start at the end of July to complete in September.

## What other construction projects are in the pipeline?

1. Endoscopy—when the current Decontamination Unit moves to its new building at the end of the year, this presents an opportunity for the Trust in terms of space. The Endoscopy Team are currently considering what capacity is required to allow the service to run efficiently over the coming years.
2. Car Parking—the Trust have submitted a planning application to Luton Borough Council, to put a deck on the Lewsey Road car park. The plan would create almost 100 additional parking spaces at the Hospital.
3. New operating theatres—plans are being drawn up to provide two additional theatres on the Hospital site

### In the next newsletter read about...

The Medical Block Strategy for the Hospital and the proposed site wide Energy Centre.