

# Hospital redevelopment update

## Thank you for your patience!



As most of you know, there is a considerable amount of building work going on around the hospital site at the moment. We are very excited about all the developments that are taking place because we know they will benefit patients and staff however we really are grateful for everyone's patience while the work takes place.

## Operating theatres

One of the major projects has been the construction of two new Theatres near the Emergency Department. Work started on this in January and is due to complete shortly. We will then use these two new theatres while we carry out essential refurbishments to the existing suite of theatres, ensuring that there is no disruption for patients.



## Electrical Infrastructure upgrade

We have also been undergoing a vital Electrical Infrastructure upgrade which will make the hospital more resilient and reduce the number of plant failures we experience. This will make a huge difference for both patients and staff because we will run more efficiently and have a greater power supply and back up to support increased facilities and functions across the site.



## There have been numerous smaller refurbishments throughout the hospital including:

- improvements to patient facilities in the Imaging Department
- a fifth Ultrasound room to provide much needed additional capacity
- refurbished male and female changing rooms as part of a project to improve the overall environment for patients in endoscopy
- a new, state of the art Decontamination Unit
- refurbishments in Zone B Outpatients to create a bigger waiting area in a more pleasant environment.

## Hot Topic – Car parking

We all appreciate that car parking is far from perfect at the L&D and various options have been considered to try and rectify some of the issues our patients, their visitors and our staff have trying to park at the hospital. There is no magic solution and each of the projects we are considering will need us to close a car park temporarily but we believe in the long run it will be worth any disruption.

## The new Energy Centre

This exciting Energy Centre project will make us one of the most environmentally friendly hospitals in the country as well as saving the Trust close to £1 million every year. Construction work is planned for the start of 2020 and the centre will reduce the risk of disruptions to patient care due to obsolete or out of date plant and equipment. It will also provide much needed resilience to the hot water and heating supplies as well as reducing our carbon emissions by approximately 35% once it is up and running.

*Artist impression of the Energy Centre is pictured right.*

