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# Fact sheet: Securing services at Christchurch Next phase of works



Our multi-million pound investment in Christchurch Hospital will secure NHS services on site and ensure the hospital remains a key part of the community for years to come. Many patient services will be improved, a new entrance and X-ray Department will be built and a new GP surgery, plus a pharmacy and community clinics, will be brought on site.

A quality nursing home and senior living accommodation will be built and the project will create more than 80 new jobs long term as well as providing much-needed facilities.

## What is happening on site?

Our main contractor Kier has now completed the initial phase of works and is scaling its operations down. Its work was in preparation for the redevelopment of the whole site and included the replacement of mains services and drainage, and work on our car parks.

We are now tendering for specific projects, such as the GP build and the demolition of H block in early autumn. We have recently obtained the detailed planning permission and the next phase of work can start, allowing us to progress with our exciting plans.

**To date:** J and K blocks have been removed and X-Ray has been relocated to a temporary facility near the Macmillan Unit with dedicated parking close by.

The remodelling of M Block is complete and is housing the Rheumatology Department and the medical secretary offices, as well as the staff rest area for the site.

A new car park has been constructed on the site of the former J and K blocks, providing more space for patients and staff.

## What will happen next?

Work to refurbish Outpatients is starting soon and a number of services will move. Where moves leave empty spaces, information will be displayed on the doors to show how the space will be used in future.

- the temporary **Main Entrance** continues to be located in G block
- **Pharmacy** is located at the back of the restaurant and is accessible via the Day Hospital
- **Phlebotomy** will move to the Pulmonary Rehabilitation Gym, near the restaurant. We are also exploring if we can move some blood taking services to GP practices, making them more accessible to patients and reducing travel to the site
- **Children's Services** has temporarily moved to the Howard Centre
- **Pulmonary Rehabilitation** will share space with the Day Hospital using a managed timetable
- the **League of Friends** is operating its counter in Outpatients and volunteers have completed food hygiene training courses in preparation for the opening of the new facility by the Howard Centre
- refurbishment of the **Forest Dene/Dermatology** areas has begun and will house clinical areas and consulting rooms
- the **Day Hospital** will stay where it is for now, until it moves to its final location in Forest Dene. Work to refurbish this area will start shortly

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## Are patients being helped with the changes?

We are increasing signage around the hospital and in the car parks to make it very clear where patients need to go. We know some patients currently have to walk long distances to get to X-ray. Benches have been placed along corridors for patients with reduced mobility and parking spaces close to the temporary X-ray have been made available.

## When will work start on the nursing home and senior living accommodation?

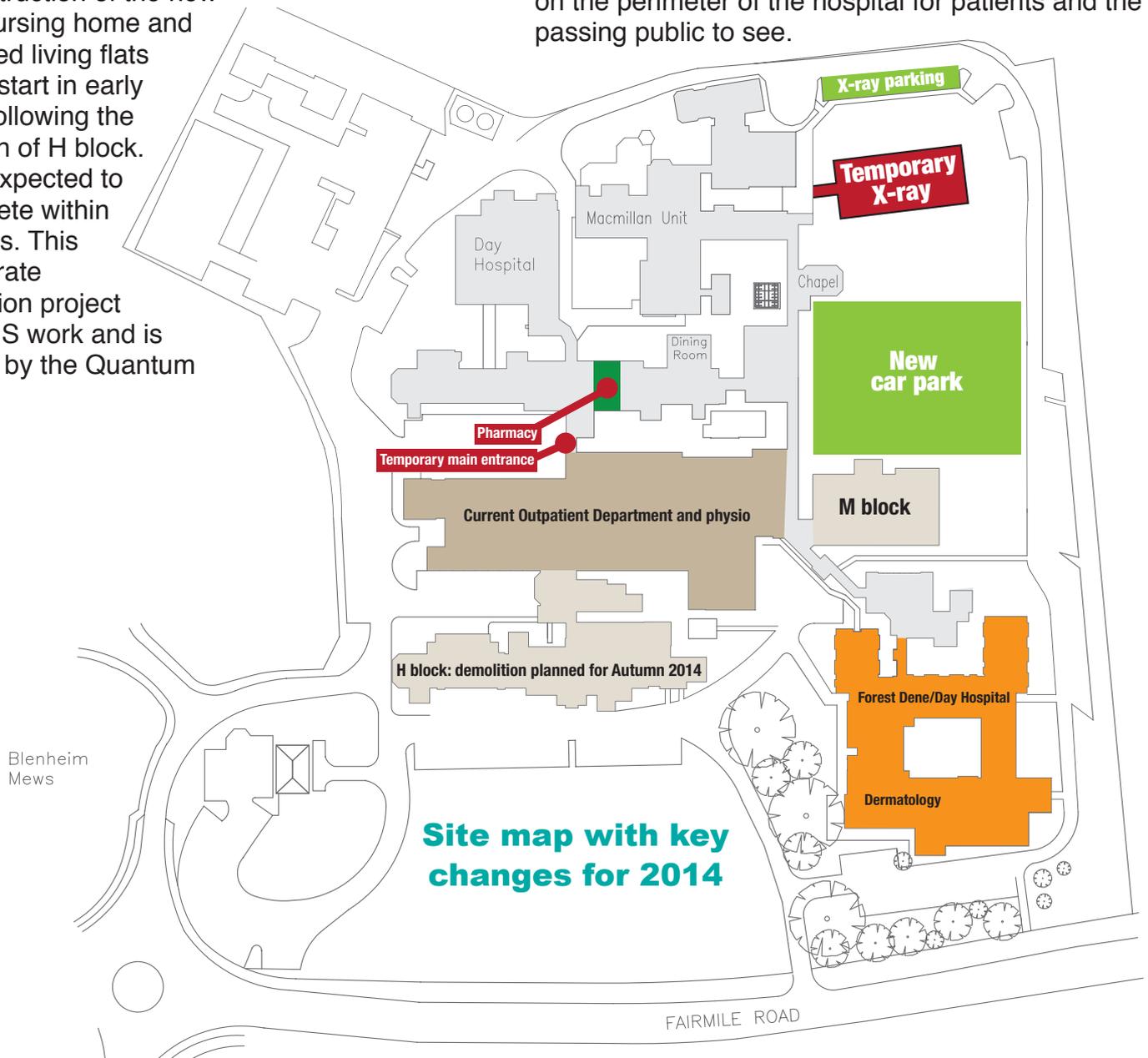
The construction of the new 80 bed nursing home and 36 assisted living flats is due to start in early autumn following the demolition of H block. Work is expected to be complete within 18 months. This is a separate construction project to the NHS work and is being led by the Quantum group.

## What about the key worker homes?

The potential for key worker housing on site is still only at the planning stage. We will be working with local neighbours and stakeholders to develop more detailed plans over the next 12 months.

## Will the history of the site be marked?

The Christchurch project team has met with local historians and groups to discuss how the history of the site will be marked and has obtained some fantastic images of the hospital during World War One. A historical information board will be placed on the perimeter of the hospital for patients and the passing public to see.



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