

Update: Developing Christchurch Hospital

Summer 2013



What happens next?

Our £12m investment in Christchurch Hospital will secure NHS services on the site and ensure the hospital remains a key part of the community for years to come. Planning permission was granted for the development scheme in March 2013 and received support from hundreds of people - thank you.

What does the scheme entail?

The development at Christchurch Hospital will see a wide range of improvements to patient services, including a new Imaging Department, a new entrance built as well as the retention of existing services, including outpatients, therapies, phlebotomy, the Day Hospital, dermatology, rheumatology, and the Macmillan Unit.

The scheme will also:

- significantly improve the buildings that services are delivered in
- bring on site expanded GP services (The Grove), plus a pharmacy and community clinics
- include NHS key worker accommodation, a quality nursing home and assisted living accommodation, for which there is a clear local demand
- create over 80 new jobs long term and bring a £30m boost to the local economy

Has the council granted full planning permission?

Planning permission was granted for the project on 14 March 2013. This included full permission for the main project and for the demolition of H block, and outline planning permission for up to 78 key worker homes. The design of these homes has yet to be detailed and will be subject to a further consultation process with local residents prior to a full planning submission.

Will the history of the site be marked?

Local historians will be given access to H block prior to its demolition in order to create a photographic record of the architecture. Any items of interest which can be salvaged will be set aside for local re-use in some way. For safety reasons, this project will not take place until a full demolition survey for the presence of asbestos has been completed. A permanent history of the site will also be commissioned.

The stained glass windows in the main entrance will be carefully removed and reinstalled near the new chapel.

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What will happen when?

July 2013

Subject to Board approval and planning conditions, the enabling package of works will start this summer:

- service diversions
- creation of a new car park to the rear of the hospital
- refurbishment of part of M block to provide rheumatology offices and staff accommodation, with demolition of the remainder of the ward
- demolition of H block

January 2014

Work will begin on the main hospital site. This is expected to be completed in summer 2015 and will include:

- the refurbishment of Outpatients
- work on the new build GP surgery
- building the new Imaging Unit

During the refurbishment works, Outpatients will relocate to Forest Dene, next to where the Dermatology Unit is already based. Temporary arrangements for phlebotomy, pharmacy and x-ray are currently being finalised.

Once Outpatients has returned to its refurbished accommodation, Dermatology and Day Hospital works will be carried out. The Day Hospital will then move to its new permanent home within Forest Dene at the end of the process in 2014/15.

February 2014

Our partners Quantum will start the construction of the nursing home and assisted living apartments to the front of the site. These are expected to be completed by summer 2015.

Summer 2015

- Demolition of G block and the Day Hospital site.
- The date for the completion of the key worker homes will be announced in due course.

Please note all dates are estimates and subject to change.

We will keep you up to date on the development at Christchurch Hospital in future factsheets and on our website:

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Proposed nursing home: sympathetic to existing buildings and increased landscaping