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A community update on works at Royal Shrewsbury Hospital as part of the Hospitals Transformation Programme

Dear neighbour,

We wanted to keep you updated on the works taking place at The Royal Shrewsbury Hospital (RSH) site. These include the works under the Hospitals Transformation Programme (HTP), which is key to transforming health and care services across Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin, and mid Wales.

Thank you to neighbours who attended our drop-in session on 29 February at the Shropshire Conference and Education Centre. We hope you found the session useful and informative.



Drop-in session held at Shropshire Conference and Education Centre on 29 February 2024

Next phase of works

In the coming weeks, the main road into the site will be widened and realigned to maintain two-way access for ambulances to the Emergency Department and a separate lane to support construction traffic. This is to allow for construction traffic to enter, drop off materials, exit the site safely and with as little disruption as possible to other hospital traffic.

Furthermore, construction work will begin on the road leading up to the Copthorne building. This means there will be some disruption to this area until the works are expected to complete in June 2024. We ask that visitors to this area are mindful of this work and we apologise for any inconvenience caused during this time.

Construction Management Plan

As part of the planning permission for the new hospital building at RSH the Trust's contractor, Integrated Health Projects (IHP), is required to submit a construction management plan. The plan sets out proposals to manage traffic on the site during the construction of the new main building. The main build is also subject to national approval of the Trust's Full Business Case (FBC) to release the funding.

Some of the key proposals in the plan are as follows:

- the helipad will move temporarily to the Boiler House Recreation Ground (off Somerby Drive) during the construction of the main build.
- the introduction of a one-way system after the Ward Block to the junction of Mytton Oak Road and Evolution Road.
- For the duration of the build our current Outpatient entrance will be closed, and an alternative entrance will be provided.

These changes are illustrated in the map on this page. We look forward to discussing these plans with you.





CGI of the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital

Contractor Parking

We are continuing to work to improve car parking on our site.

As detailed in our planning application land to the southern end of Racecourse Lane, will be used by our contractors, Integrated Health Projects (IHP), for car parking and cabins for their colleague.

We have also launched a park and ride service at Oxon Park and Ride for our staff and also our contractors, which is helping improve parking on our site.



Why the HTP will benefit our patients and staff?



Faster access to the right care and clinicians



Buildings that support modern healthcare practices



Shorter waiting times for planned surgery



Faster ambulance handover times



An improved work environment for our colleagues



Shorter hospital stays for our patients



Continuous investment into both our hospital sites

Our next neighbour's drop-in session will be held at Shropshire Education Conference Centre on Tuesday 4 June, 4pm – 6pm. This will be a chance to meet the project team, ask any questions and to find out more about the next phase of works. We hope you can join us.

If you would like to receive email updates, please contact us at construction@cascadecommunications.co.uk clearly stating you wish to be added to the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital construction updates.

Other SaTH news

Alongside the HTP works, other works are underway at RSH to improve care for all our communities.

A unit is being built at RSH to house a new gamma camera, which will increase capacity for cancer screening and reduce waiting times for patients. Work is progressing on the £3.6 million project and the unit is being built on Evolution Road.

The new camera, which is used to detect cancer, children's conditions and other acute conditions, will be in use from this spring/summer 2024.

Plans for a modular ward building at Royal Shrewsbury Hospital continue and we will provide further updates as we move forward.

The Trust is currently building a bunker to house a new linear accelerator (also known as LINAC), which will improve the treatment of cancer patients. The new facility will be located close to our Emergency Department at RSH and supports treatment for cancer patients, ensuring that we can continue to offer timely and effective treatments to all patients.

Further information on all these works is available on our website.



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