

Portsmouth Hospitals University NHS Trust

Statement of Community Involvement

February 2021

1 Purpose

1.1 This Statement of Community Involvement has been written to inform community stakeholders how they can find out more and influence plans for development of the Queen Alexandra Hospital site. It sets out what Portsmouth Hospitals University NHS Trust “the Trust” has done and intends to do to involve the local community, patients and visitors and staff working on the site.

2 Background

- 2.1 The Queen Alexandra Hospital site is a large acute hospital serving a local population of South East Hampshire, Portsmouth of approximately 650,000 residents. The hospital also plays a significant part in the wider healthcare system across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight and provides services across a wide area that extends to Milford and Newhaven in the west and Bognor in the east.
- 2.2 Since its major redevelopment in 2009 the hospital site has not undergone any significant change to the way in which the site is configured. A number of schemes have been delivered within the hospital itself, however the site is faced with ever increasing demand on services arising from a growing local population and changes in the structure of the NHS.
- 2.3 In 2018 the Trust published its new strategy “Working Together” followed by a new Estate Strategy in 2019. These documents, that can be found on the Trust’s website, set out how we saw the site developing of the next five years.
- 2.4 Now, in 2021, the Trust is taking forward the first key steps on this journey.

3 Planned Developments

- 3.1 A lot has changed over the last ten years and whilst the hospital still looks shiny and new there is a lot that needs to be done to keep it that way. A growing population coupled with increasing demand for acute services, including access to operating theatres and diagnostic imaging, means the Trust has got to be proactive if it is to continue to play its part in the wider healthcare system.
- 3.2 The key developments planned over the next three years are identified below:

Proposed Scheme	Description and impact	Timeline (anticipated)
Additional Bed Capacity	New block built on part of the north car park	Planning consent granted: December 2020 Construction: March – November 2021

Multi storey public car park	New decked car park on north public car park	Planning Application: February 2021 Construction: June – Nov 2021
North Entrance redevelopment	Extension to north entrance to include retail pharmacy and enhanced patient reception	Planning Application: June 2021 Construction: October 2021 – March 2022
Main entrance redevelopment	Extension to main entrance to include enhanced retail and lecture theatre facilities	Planning Application: June 2021 Construction: April 2022 – September 2022
Emergency Department Redevelopment	New Emergency department to deliver enhanced patient experience and flows to support resilience	Outline Planning Application: February 2021 Full Planning Application: July 2021 Construction: Summer 2022

4 Public Engagement

- 4.1 The planning authority will undertake a range of formal consultation following submission of each planning application. This will include Neighbourhood notification, site notices, local advertisements and information on the Portsmouth City Council planning portal.
- 4.2 The applicant has put together a comprehensive communications plan for engaging with a range of key stakeholders including public (patients and visitors) but also staff groups and wider stakeholders. The key elements that are relevant to this application are:

Event / Consultation Type	Date Range	Objectives
Ward Councillor Briefings	February 2021	Notification provided to ward councillors ahead of each application with verbal follow-up
Council Portfolio Holder Briefing	February 2021	Presentation to City Council leaders and key portfolio holders
Project website	February 2021 and throughout the project	Key information to be posted online setting out the Trust's proposals and options for parking.
Mail drop to local residents	February 2021	Advance notification to neighbours ahead of each development. Site development proposals leaflet issued to local neighbours identified by PCC
Public Exhibition	Deferred due to Covid	Due to limitations imposed by Covid-19 a physical exhibition is not proposed at this time.
Staff intranet	January 2021 and throughout the project	A central location where key information can be posted for staff with updates and parking information.
Internal email messaging	January 2021 and at regular intervals throughout the project	Through the weekly staff email bulletin, the CE's weekly message and cascade for managers we will

		provide regular updates for all staff groups.
Local press briefing	February 2021	Short briefing providing an overview of the estates strategy and projects timelines.
Email to patient facing stakeholders	February 2021	Email sent to GPs, CCGs, Healthwatch, and other relevant groups who may need to advise patients about reduced parking or site congestion. Signpost to the website for the latest information.
Updates to wider stakeholders	February 2021	Sent to MPs, scrutiny groups and community groups to provide updates and signpost to the website for the latest information
Social media posts	February 2021 and throughout	Providing up to date information, progress reports and important details as required – the Trust accounts are largely staff with good local engagement and provide valuable channels for informing stakeholders.
On site signage	February 2021	Signposting visitors and patients to available parking.

5 How to find out more

5.1 Further information about the proposals can be found online at:

<http://www.porthosp.nhs.uk/>

or by ringing the Estates & Facilities team on 02392 286603 and asking to speak to the Scheme Project Manager.