



Epsom and St Helier
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EPSOM AND ST HELIER UPDATE

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INTRODUCTION

What we'll be covering:

- St George's, Epsom and St Helier University Hospitals and Health Group – what it means for local people
- Epsom and St Helier update
- Our Building Your Future Hospitals Programme



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ST GEORGE'S, EPSOM AND ST HELIER UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS AND HEALTH GROUP

- Epsom and St Helier and St George's are now in a hospital group which creates opportunities for improved patient care and access to wider services for patients.
- The hospitals remain two separate trusts, but with one executive team and departments working together to help improve outcomes for patients
- Working as a group means we will have a larger more resilient clinical workforce
- We remain committed to the strong partnerships built with local health and care systems including in Sutton through the Sutton Health and Care Partnership.

WORKING AS A GROUP WILL IMPROVE PATIENT CARE AND MAKE BOTH TRUSTS A BETTER PLACE TO WORK

It has already led to:

- Proposal to co-locate renal in £80m new state-of-the-art facility at St George's – proposal put forward by clinicians, with full support and backing of patients.
- Creation of a shared domain for Electronic Patient Records (EPR). This will mean that when Epsom and St Helier implements its new EPR system, records for patients can be managed across the two trusts, freeing up clinical time and improving continuity of patient care.
- Working together to deliver a COVID vaccine trial.

MORE BENEFITS TO PATIENTS OF WORKING AS A GROUP

- Local people will have greater and more seamless access to highly specialised services – such as neurology and cardiology – with waiting times reduced.
- We have around 50 consultants working across both hospitals. More will follow and this too will allow more seamless care and access to the latest innovations.
- The Group hosts a joint hub for maternal medicine which provides outstanding care for pregnant women who have underlying medical conditions and aims to improve outcomes for women and their babies.
- We have already developed a Headache Hub at St George's to support one stop multi-disciplinary service to reduce waiting times, and provide a better service for patients with headaches.
- Working as a group creates opportunities to expand clinical research which will lead to better outcomes for patients.
- We can work together to reduce waiting times for both outpatients and inpatients.

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- Our hospitals and community services remain extremely busy, despite a reduction in Covid patients
- We are making good progress at reducing our waiting times and waiting numbers for elective care
- We are improving the ward environments at St Helier Hospital
- We've launched our new patient and public involvement network – the People's Panel – and would like to invite your residents to join. Members will be invited to get involved in a number of programme and projects across the Trust. To join, visit www.epsom-sthelier.nhs.uk/peoples-panel

BUILDING YOUR FUTURE HOSPITALS PROGRAMME



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RECAP OF OUR PROPOSALS

- We have the go ahead to build a new Specialist Emergency Care Hospital (SECH) on the Sutton Hospital site and transform the buildings of Epsom and St Helier.
- We are one of 40 hospitals in the Government’s New Hospital Programme.
- The SECH will consolidate our major services including A&E, Critical Care, Acute Medicine, Emergency Surgery, Inpatient Paediatrics, and Maternity Services.
- The majority of our patients – 85% of the people who need care with us – will still be seen and treated at Epsom and St Helier hospitals. There will also be urgent treatment centres open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year at both sites.
- The plans will also see at least £80 million spent across both Epsom Hospital and St Helier Hospital to deliver essential repairs and refurbishments and enable those hospitals to focus on delivering excellent elective care.



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WHERE WE ARE NOW

- We continue to wait for feedback and confirmation of next steps from the New Hospital Programme, which we expect to receive in the Summer.
- The Government is committed to our Building Your Future Hospitals programme - but the new hospital will not be ready until 2027 at the earliest. Our staff and patients deserve better.
- We have made a strong case to the national programme for more upfront investment so we can submit planning applications and start building work more quickly.
- We are hugely committed to the new emergency care hospital in Sutton and the promised upgrades at Epsom and St Helier hospitals which is why we will continue to push for more money and more progress to get it done.
- Our staff and patients deserve better than old hospitals – St Helier was built nearly 100 years ago – with buildings that are not designed for modern NHS care and require increasing resources every year to maintain acceptable standards.
- Our exceptional staff are the reason patients remain safe and receive excellent care, but this is neither fair nor sustainable.

ENGAGEMENT WITH LOCAL PEOPLE AND STAKEHOLDERS

We held our first phase of pre-planning public consultation in June 2021 – thank you to those who attended an online meeting and gave us your feedback.

• **From the feedback we received, we know that local people generally support a new hospital in Sutton, but also want:**

- More information about transport, access and the impact of the new plans on local traffic
- Further design work to reduce the impact of the building on its closest neighbours
- Reassurance that enough parking is being provided for patients and staff
- More details around the landscaping plans.

• Our team has been considering all of the feedback we have received as we continue to develop the plans for the hospital, multi-storey car park and access routes.

• We hope to share our updated plans with you later this year before we submit a planning application.



Front cover of the consultation brochure which was sent to 4,500 households closest to the Sutton site

TRAVEL AND TRANSPORT PLANNING

We have launched a dedicated travel and transport working group to look at accessibility to our hospitals, identify opportunities for improvements and tackle obstacles.

Current proposals and travel projects are:

- **Multi-storey car park at Sutton** with 800 spaces and smart technology to improve access and space management
- **Working with London Borough of Sutton** to ensure road infrastructure to the new hospital is suitable
- **A potential new park and ride service** for residents of Reigate and Banstead
- **Engaging with TfL** – We gave detailed feedback to recent TfL consultation and will continue to work closely together.



QUESTIONS