THE JOURNEY TO OUR NEW HOSPITAL

Newsletter

NHS Airedale NHS Foundation Trust

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Welcome to the Airedale New Hospital newsletter - providing regular progress updates and news about the many opportunities for people to get involved. A great deal has taken place over the past 12 months and this year promises to see things moving at pace. We hope you find this update useful and informative. There's plenty more information at www.airedale-trust.nhs.uk on our dedicated new hospital pages.

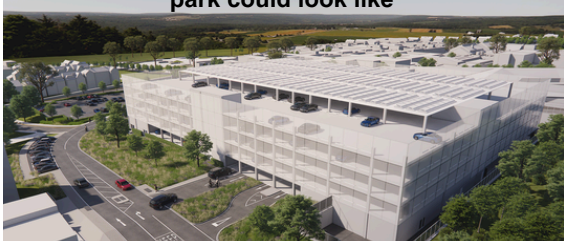
Update at a glance:

- The Government has confirmed we are in wave 1 of the New Hospital Programme with construction on the hospital to start between 2025 and 2030.
- Your views have been collected about our plans to get the site ready ahead of the main hospital build.
- Workshops have started with partners on how we will work together in our health and care system in the future, and how this then helps shape our new hospital.
- Work continues keeping the current hospital safe.

Listening to your views and finalising plans

Before we start building the new hospital, we have some site preparation work to do. We are developing plans to build a new multi-storey car park, access road, and an electricity substation. During November and December, we shared these plans for getting the site ready for the new hospital with our staff, our partners, and the public, and asked them for their views. We had a great response, with 357 people taking part in the survey and many local people attending the roadshows and exhibitions. Thanks to everyone who took the time to respond. From the questions raised at those events we put together some Frequently Asked Questions, which are available on our website. All the feedback we received is being independently analysed, and we will be looking at any actions that may need to be addressed before the plans are finalised. Once the enabling works design is complete the Trust will submit a planning application to Bradford Council, which will give residents another chance to share their comments and feedback.

Artist's impression of what the multi-storey car park could look like



Hospital staff and partners at the first workshop, focusing on Emergency Care.

New hospital, new ways of working

As we work towards our new hospital, many different factors will influence the design of the state-of-the art building. One of the biggest will be the way we will work in the future to deliver excellent patient care. This month we started developing our Target Operating Model (TOM). In simple terms, this will describe how services will operate in the new hospital in the future, aligned to work taking place with health and care partners across our wider place and system. It will set out how we work together day-to-day in the hospital, in the community, and where possible, in people's homes.

Keeping staff and patients safe: Airedale urgently needs a new hospital because a large amount of the current estate is built with Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete, or RAAC, a lightweight, bubbly form of concrete. It's vital that whilst the new hospital is being planned and built, the current hospital remains safe for our patients, visitors, staff, and volunteers. An extensive programme of inspections and structural repairs has been taking place since 2022. This work will continue to ensure we can keep services running and everyone safe until the time comes that we can move into the new hospital.