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. 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:

- We have developed an initial masterplan for our site which looks at the stages and order of work to get our new hospital built.
- Workshops have continued with partners, staff and the public about how services will operate in the new hospital.
- We are starting to develop a social value strategy, in which our contractors will set out how they will provide social, economic and environmental benefits to the local area.

Building a new future for Airedale

We are currently developing the blueprint for how our new hospital will be built, known as the masterplan. The masterplan considers the stages and order of work that need to happen on our site. This is complex as we need to keep all our patient services running, whilst maintaining every element of patient care.

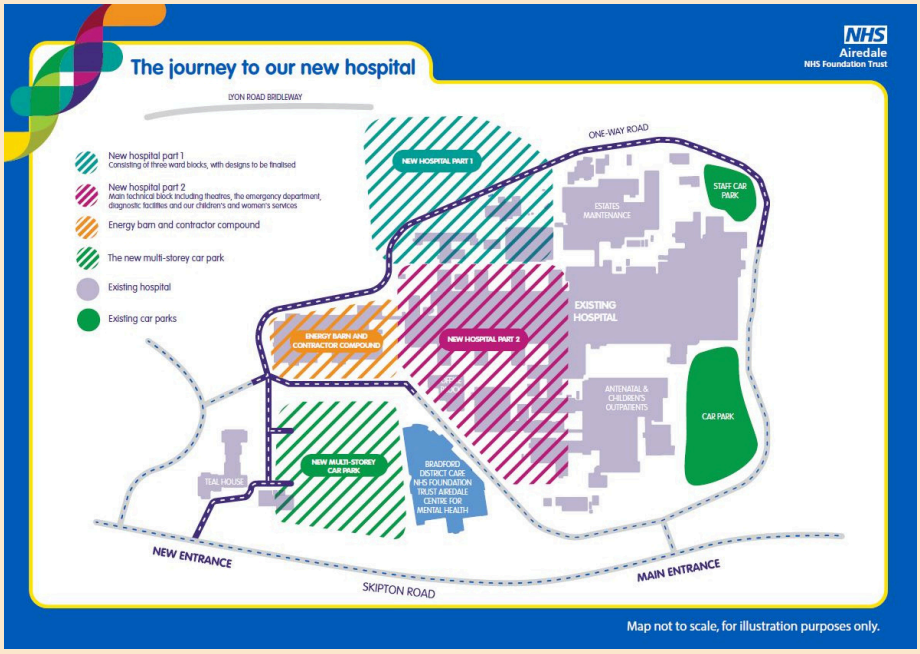
The map below shows the different areas on the site that are being developed, including the multi-storey car park, new access road, contractors' compound and other infrastructure work.

We are working on the basis of building the main hospital in two stages, as shown on the map. This will give us more flexibility on the site as we juggle the challenges of keeping all our services running. It will also allows us to minimise the height of the final hospital buildings and will help to keep car parking available while constructing the new hospital.

The current proposal is to build the ward blocks first (marked new hospital part one), allowing us to move our patients into new, bright, modern environments.

This would be followed by a technical block, with modern theatres, intensive care unit and emergency department, and diagnostics, such as x-ray and scans. The technical centre would also be home to our children's and women's services and a host of vital other services such as pharmacy.

The order of work may evolve as we work with the planning authority, highways and power suppliers, and the national New Hospital Programme, to gain all the necessary permissions and funding.



Shaping our future services

At the start of the year, we began to look at how we will operate services in our new hospital in the 2030s and beyond, by developing our Target Operating Model (TOM) with our health and care partners in Bradford District and Craven. The TOM is about the way we will all work together in our new hospital and in our communities, and it will help to shape the design of our new hospital.

In January we started a series of service specific workshops to help develop the TOM. So far 16 workshops have taken place covering a range of services including outpatients, urgent and emergency care, elderly medicine and paediatrics and neonates. Thank you to everyone who has attended the workshops so far; we have had great participation from staff, members of the public, a range of local health and care partners, our local councils and members of our local voluntary community sector.

More workshops are planned during the next six weeks including neurology/stroke, patient flow and out of hospital care. We would really welcome involvement from patients who have used our services at any workshops relevant to their care. Find out more on our website by clicking here.

Photos show attendees at the cancer (including haematology and head and neck) TOM workshop which took place on 12 March

Giving back to our communities

Building the new hospital will provide a real opportunity to help give back to our local communities in a variety of different ways. We are developing a social value strategy in which our contractors will set out how they will provide social, economic and environmental benefits to the local area. This will be based on the needs of our local communities, using data driven insights and the views of our partners and stakeholders. There are a wide range of activities that it could include, such as creation of job opportunities for local people/businesses, training and placement opportunities for local students, digital skills training for local people, creation of green spaces and helping to combat health inequalities.