NHS Airedale NHS Foundation Trust

THE JOURNEY TO OUR NEW HOSPITAL

Newsletter

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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 or on our Securing the Future app, available on the App Store or Google Play.

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Designing a hospital fit for the future

These are exciting times for the communities of Airedale as we move into the design phase for both the hospital and the services it will provide. **Your voice will be key throughout this process.**

As we described in our June newsletter, the hospital building design will be based on a national template called 'Hospital 2.0,' which is currently being finalised by the national New Hospital Programme (NHP). The NHP developed Hospital 2.0 involving more than 1,000 clinicians, including from Royal Colleges, and patients and the public.

There are standard templates for wards, theatres and treatment rooms and recommended layouts for services, setting out which services should be close together. The idea behind reducing the variation in building design is that it improves efficiency and supports better care, as it helps staff work seamlessly across the whole site.

All new hospitals will be built using a 100% single, en-suite bedroom model. This is a national direction of travel to enhance patient experience, privacy and dignity, and to improve infection control. It will be supported by good visibility for staff, and the latest digital systems and technology for monitoring, such as fall detection systems. There will also be social areas for patients to help avoid isolation.

However, while there is a blueprint for the hospitals of the future, there are still many elements local people, patients, and staff can influence and all those voices will be an important part of the design process.

High quality services - where people need them

The journey towards our new hospital also presents a perfect opportunity to work with our partners to provide more services in our communities. This is in line with the government's 10-year plan for the NHS, announced last month. One of the key shifts in this was was from hospital to community.

We already successfully provide services outside of hospital and plan to build on this. For example, this could include services such as diagnostics, post-operative care and rehab in neighbourhood settings.

We are keen to hear your views on this and will work with our partners to unlock the potential of a truly joined up health system with more services closer to people's homes, or in their homes, where it is appropriate.

We need your help - ways to get involved

Shape the design of our new hospital - online survey

We want to hear your thoughts on how we create the best possible hospital for our patients and local communities. This includes important things like making the hospital welcoming and easy to use, improving how you find your way around (wayfinding), digital technology and the facilities the hospital should have.

As we design our new hospital and new ways of working for the future, we will also be considering what services are best provided in the community, closer to people's homes, and in their homes.

So, now it's over to you! To take part in the survey, please click on this link: **https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/OurNewAiredaleHospital/.**

The survey should take about five minutes to complete. The survey will close at midnight on Sunday 24 August.

A quick progress update

The journey to a new hospital is not a simple or linear one - we have to do lots of things at the same time.

This newsletter has looked at some of the elements which make up stage 3 - *designing the hospital*. But at the same time work is taking place behind the scenes to get the site ready.

We gathered your views to help us design a new multi-storey car park for the site. These designs are now being finalised ready to submit a formal planning application to the council.

The car park, along with a new second access road to the site, are vital parts of stage *2 - getting the site ready.*

We are also working with the electrical distribution company to secure an increase in power supply to the site. This is to accommodate the new hospital, which will be an all-electric facility.

Keep an eye out for more news on these exciting developments.

Have you used our services recently?

We would like to hear about your experience to help us plan how we provide services in the new hospital.

We want to understand what works well and what could be changed for the better. We're also keen to know if there are services you would like to be delivered in community settings rather than in hospital.

Three informal discussions have been planned so far and we are keen to hear from as many patients, and carers of patients, as possible so please come and chat with us!

- Skipton Town Hall, September 8 from 10am to 12.30pm
- Keighley Healthy Living Centre, September 11 from 6pm to 8.30pm
- Online, 16 September 6.30pm to 8pm

To book please email us at anhsft.yournewhospital@nhs.net and tell us know which event you would like to attend.

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