

Building for the future

Key milestones in 2025



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As our transformation progresses and we enter a busy new year, we look forward to exciting developments across our hospital sites. This £500m investment will ensure that patients receive the right care, in the right place, at the right time.

We recognise that delivering these improvements while maintaining high-quality care is a significant challenge. Thank you to all our staff for your dedication, flexibility, and support in ensuring services continue to run smoothly throughout this period of change.

January/February

- Wessex Way access road to RBH completes. Taking traffic volumes away from local roads and improving access to the site for pedestrians and cyclists.



February

- BEACH Building 'keys' handed over to UHD.
- The Coast Building reaches its highest point.



March

- RBH Radiology ED Hub relocates to the BEACH Building (11 March).
- RBH Critical Care Unit moves into the BEACH Building (25 March). Starting the move of our clinical teams into our new facility.



April

- Maternity and Neonatal teams move into the BEACH Building (from w/c 31 March). Replacing the current maternity facility at Poole Hospital the new unit will offer everything parents need for a smooth journey from pregnancy to birth and beyond.
- The new RBH main entrance, retail, and multi-faith areas open.
- Inter-site shuttle bus between Poole and RBH begins.



Spring 2025

- Expansion of the Outpatient Assessment Centre at the Dolphin Centre, Poole (subject to business case approval).
- New car park operator introduces an Automatic Number Plate Recognition system, along with an improved staff parking permit system. Enhancing security, reducing unauthorised parking, and streamlining staff access for a smoother experience.

May

- RBH Emergency Department relocates to the Beach Building (14 May).
- Potential move of RBH Ward 18.



Summer 2025

- Work begins on upgrades to the RBH Acute Medical Unit (AMU), Medical and Frailty Same Day Emergency Care (SDEC), and Older Persons Assessment Unit (OPAU).

Autumn 2025

- Endoscopy Diagnostic Hub at Poole completed. Enabling us to treat more patients, reduce waiting times and enhance patient experiences.
- Surgical Same Day Emergency Care (SDEC) and Surgical Admissions Unit (SAU) completed at RBH.
- New Haematology and Oncology wards completed at RBH.



Winter 2025/26

- RBH Shelley Restaurant and new staff dining area completed.
- The Coast Building fully completed.
- Planned and emergency services separation (w/c 12 January 2026): Emergency care moves to RBH, while Poole becomes the planned care hospital, including the Elective Surgical Hub.

“In 2025, our new buildings will come to life as we welcome the first patients.”

“The opening of the Maternity Unit in the Beach Building at RBH and the new Endoscopy Diagnostic Hub at Poole mark key steps in our journey to improve patient care.”

“All developments planned this year support our long-term strategy to separate emergency and planned treatments, enhancing services for both staff and patients across all our sites.”

“Thank you for your commitment to delivering excellent care while we are building for the future.”



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