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The future of our hospitals

What are we doing?

Royal Bournemouth Hospital (RBH) will be our emergency hospital and Poole Hospital will focus on planned care. A £500m investment in our hospitals is making these changes possible. Our hospitals will have:



1,020
beds on the emergency site in 2026



6
SDEC (Same Day Emergency Care) facilities on the emergency site



60,000
patients treated annually at the Urgent Treatment Centre (UTC) in Poole



72,000
emergency patients,

96,000
elective/day case patients and,

180,000
ED attendances on the emergency site annually



155
beds on the planned site in 2026



10
new theatres on the planned care site



4,300
sq. metres of space in the new ED (roughly twice the size of the current Bournemouth and Poole ED combined)

Did you know?

Our new theatre complex at Poole Hospital is already helping to reduce wait times and improving patient outcomes.

Our new buildings in Poole and Bournemouth are **energy efficient**, with more **single rooms and larger rooms.**

Why are we investing in our hospitals?

It will result in more efficient pathways, fewer patient transfers, and a better patient experience.



150,000
patients will have quicker access to treatment from improved patient flow and a better experience due to the improved design of our new ED



4,400
women will benefit from an improved birth experience as a result of the new maternity unit



Consolidated emergency care at RBH means better clinical decision-making due to better oversight, benefiting around **2,800** patients each year, and giving around **4,100** patients quicker access to treatment, as patient transfers will be avoided



3,100
patients who would have been referred back and forth between RBCH and PH will now receive shorter wait times for treatment, resulting in an improved patient experience



6,000
planned care patients will have shorter waiting times as a result of fewer cancellations and increased throughput in elective services



31,000
out-of-hours patients will benefit from quicker access to treatment from having a consolidated ED at RBH annually

When is this happening?

Since 2022, we have completed several key moves, including our Cardiology and Stroke teams combining their services at RBH and our new theatres at Poole Hospital officially opening.



Our BEACH Building at RBH, opened in spring 2025. It now houses our maternity and emergency teams, among others. In April 2027, Poole Hospital's Emergency Department will move to Royal Bournemouth Hospital. Our Urgent Treatment Centre in Poole will remain open for non-life-threatening emergencies. For more information, please visit **www.uhd.nhs.uk/future.**

All figures are approximate

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