

Investing in Poole Hospital

Welcome to the latest edition of our construction newsletter, in which we aim to keep our neighbours and the local community informed on the upcoming construction works at Poole Hospital.

What's happening?

Following the first newsletter, the IHP project team have been in direct contact with St Mary's Church as one of the nearest neighbours to discuss measures to allay any concerns. This has resulted in dates of key events at the church and

grounds being provided to inform the construction team. We're also looking at options to support activities run within the church community hub.

Also, IHP and the hospital's estates team are in regular contact to mutually agree access and shared space management challenges e.g. welfare set up, waste movements and deliveries.

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From an external viewpoint there is not a lot to be seen but a great deal has been happening behind the scenes:

- managing the existing functions of the pathology, mortuary, and clinical teams closest to the works
- measuring and identifying 'lines of sight', fixed point coordinates identified by surveyors, so building is in the correct position (See photo with the theodolite)
- rerouting power supplies, essential ducting, and drainage to allow vital activities to continue
- removal of items and fittings no longer required, in anticipation of the main demolition (called 'soft strip') and breaking up of hard materials such as concrete and any road surfacing ('breaking out')
- preparing the areas which will display large information boards detailing the scope of the project.

Safety is paramount throughout these works and IHP and the hospital have collaborated to minimise risks to all parties. This includes changes to fire routes, establishing 'construction only' access areas as well as redirecting day-to-day hospital operations, both externally and internally.



New brochure launched

We have just published the second in a series of brochures highlighting how UHD's hospital sites are going to be transformed over the next few years as part of a £250m investment in local health services. The new brochure focuses on Poole Hospital and contains details of the many patient and staff benefits the developments will bring as well as artists' impressions of how the new buildings will fit into our estate.

You can pick up a copy from the main reception or read it here: www.uhd.nhs.uk/about-us/future/designs



Meet the team: Stuart Dixon

This feature is going to bring to you information of some of the roles of IHP and UHD team members proving, 'it takes the T in Transform to develop a Team':

Stuart is the IHP senior construction manager responsible for the overall running of the day-to-day project to ensure it is built on time, in budget, to the correct quality and most importantly safely.

Stuart studied at Loughborough College and University of West of England to obtain his BSc Hons Construction Management. With 13 years of onsite construction management experience throughout various sectors, retail, aviation, US military in Japan, and hospitality, both nationally and internationally. He was also involved with the construction of 2 Nightingale COVID hospitals at the start of the first lockdown.

Born in Cape Town South Africa, Stuart's family moved to Dorset in his early years and therefore has called Dorset home for over 25 years. His hobbies include any sporting activity but particularly football, boxing, and mountain biking.

Commenting on his role, Stuart said, "What better way to repay the medical profession for my own health, than to be part of this transformation being undertaken here in Poole. The best thing for me about working and helping bring this project

together is that I'm a local, and with the country going through this current pandemic, I feel proud to be able to not only do my part to bring together a facility that will help others in the short term but will provide facilities that even I one day might have to rely upon."



'The great wall of Dorset'

As you can see, we've been working to make sure patients in our Acute Medical Unit have something amazing to look at during the building works.



We apologise for the disruption these building works may cause and thank you for your support. If you have any questions or comments, or if you wish to receive future newsletters by mail, please contact us via the following email: Poolebuild@uhd.nhs.uk