

Investing in the Royal Bournemouth Hospital

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Welcome to the first edition of our construction newsletter, in which we aim to keep our neighbours and the local community updated on the upcoming construction works at the Royal Bournemouth Hospital. The works started in November 2020, with overall completion planned for 2024.

Introducing The BEACH Building

The BEACH Building (standing for Births, Emergency care, And, Critical care and child Health) is 23,000m² of complex hospital development over six storeys - equivalent to 115 tennis courts. The idea for the name came from Lisa Stooks, a librarian in the trust's library and knowledge service, who took part in an extensive engagement to suggest a name for the building.

On completion The BEACH Building will contain:

- a new emergency department - larger than current Poole and Royal Bournemouth Hospital

facilities put together

- a brand-new maternity and children's unit
- a new critical care unit with capacity for up to 30 beds

Other planned developments on the RBH site include a purpose-designed pathology hub providing a modern, flexible testing capacity. This will enable the Royal Bournemouth Hospital to become the major emergency hospital for the region.



What's been happening?

Since March 2021 the site set up has involved a **range of preparations** including the installation of a temporary road to RBH car parks, rerouting power supplies, essential ducting, and drainage to allow vital activities to continue and breaking up of car park and paving materials. In addition, erecting the blue and white hoarding to define the works boundary, and protect the site workforce and visitors and staff of the hospital.

In November 2021 we held the **official ground-breaking ceremony** to mark the start of The BEACH Building's construction. This was held in the presence of representatives from UHD and the main contractor Integrated Health Projects (IHP). The ceremony marked the preparation of the first of 515 pile positions that support the foundations of the building.

A bagpipe player led around 50 guests to the construction site, where IHP representatives gifted tankards to Pankaj Davé, chair of UHD's Transformation Committee, before breaking ground on the construction site.

Speaking at the event, Richard Renault, UHD's chief strategy and transformation officer, said: "The establishment of The BEACH

Building represents significant investment and commitment by the NHS. It will be a modern, sustainable building, providing high quality facilities for our existing services, allowing our clinical teams to improve the way we deliver the services within it."

Ian Cheung, managing director south, Sir Robert McAlpine, added:

"I am proud that we have reached this important milestone and that we have kept on track with enabling the scheme, despite the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. This is testament to the great engagement, commitment and support from UHD, the IHP project team, and local industry."



Site Safety

Safety is paramount and UHD and IHP have collaborated to minimise risks to all parties, including changes to fire routes, setting up works hoardings and security with specific

'Construction Only' access as well as continued access for the air rescue services. As the construction site gets busier there will be increased activity of materials movement into and off site. To manage this area, look out for trained traffic marshals dressed in ORANGE HI VIS who will manage the access and departure of these vehicles.

For more information on the transformation of UHD's sites including an updated brochure on RBH developments visit: www.uhd.nhs.uk/about-us/future

We apologise for the disruption these building works may cause and thank you for your support. If you have any questions or comments, please contact us via rbhbuild@uhd.nhs.uk

