

Investing in our hospitals

It is an exciting time at University Hospitals Dorset as we continue with our plans to transform our hospitals. The total programme of works runs up to 2026 and forms part of the £250m transformation and development plans for our hospital sites.

Royal Bournemouth Hospital (RBH)

- Developing the major emergency care centre for east Dorset
- new Emergency Department - larger than current Poole and Royal Bournemouth facilities put together
- brand-new maternity and children's unit
- new critical care unit with capacity for up to 30 beds
- purpose-designed pathology hub providing a modern, flexible testing capacity



Benefits

Emergency cases will be focused on the RBH site with increased consultant and specialist team cover seven days a week. This will reduce numbers of patients transferring between hospitals, put less demand on ambulances and hospital services, and achieve better outcomes for patients.



Poole Hospital

- developing the major planned care hospital for east Dorset
- state-of-the-art theatre complex
- new Urgent Treatment Centre - open 24/7
- expanded day case surgery
- enhanced outpatient, cancer and diagnostic services
- innovative new community hub



Benefits

Fewer cancellations due to emergency admissions with a clear and sustainable pathway for patients. Plans offer increased patient safety through reduced variation, getting patients to the right place first time/at the right time.



Christchurch Hospital

Ambitious plans of the site that will help support our ongoing treatment of our patients, including new charity funded Macmillan Unit as well as options to create a senior living community, with affordable shared ownership housing.



More information

Keep up with the latest news on UHD's transformation programme here: www.uhd.nhs.uk/about-us/future