

Hellesdon New Wards

FAQs

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Why is there a need for new wards on the Hellesdon site?

This exciting multi-million pound project will further improve safety and quality at the Hellesdon Hospital site.

How is the new build being funded?

We have been awarded £38m in Government funding to develop new facilities to benefit our patients. The project will cost £40m in total, with the remaining £2m coming from the sale of a disused football field on the Hellesdon Hospital site.

What will this development include?

Some of our existing wards - Glaven, Thurne, Waveney and Yare - would benefit from being replaced with modern facilities which will better meet the needs of our service users and patients. This could include single sex accommodation, en-suite rooms, space for day treatment facilities etc.

This development will also allow us to create a fifth, 16-bedded ward so that we can increase our capacity, reducing the number of patients travelling outside of the area for treatment. In total, the five wards will provide 80 beds – 15 more than we currently provide.

The development may also include a gym, outside spaces, therapy areas and a multi-use games area, all of which could have a really positive impact on people's experience of accessing care while helping them to stay active and engaged during their recovery.

The development will make a real difference to our service users and carers by significantly improving the environment in which they receive care, which will be more recovery focused and lead to better clinical outcomes.

Where will the wards be located on site?

It is likely that the new wards will be built on meadowland below the existing lower plateau of the site.

How long will process take from start to finish?

We anticipate the development programme will run for the next three years.

The first stage will see an outline business case submitted in summer 2020, which will be developed into a full business case by Autumn 2021. If this business case is agreed, construction work will begin in early 2022 with the wards opening in late 2023.

How many more patients will there be on site?

A total of 80 beds are included in the development, increasing the number of beds on site by 15.

The remaining 65 beds will relocate to the new unit from the Glaven (17 bed), Thurne (15 bed), Waveney (17 bed) and Yare (16 bed) wards, which will be put to different use once the development is complete.

Are we able to participate in the planning process?

Yes. We will be working closely with our service users, carers, staff and

partners to develop the plans so that we can make the very best use of this opportunity and ensure it brings the greatest benefits to local people. This will include running engagement sessions to gather their feedback on what people would like to see in the new build so that we can ensure the design is truly co-produced.

Dates for these events will be publicised via our website and social media.

When can we see the plans?

Design options will be produced at the Outline Business Case stage. Look out for further information on when we can start engaging on the plans.

Will the new build be sustainable?

The new build will be designed and construct in line with the Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Methods (BREEM). All new builds within the NHS are expected to achieve an excellent rating and the project will be monitored externally to ensure that this is achieved. This will ensure that the highest levels of sustainability will be met by using the latest methods of design and construction.

This is a big build. Will there be increased traffic/congestion/noise?

There is likely to be some additional traffic during the construction project. Once a contractor has been appointed, we will work closely with them to keep any disruption for neighbouring residents to an absolute minimum.