

South Bristol Community Hospital

Final go ahead agreed

The final approval for the South Bristol Community Hospital has been given by the Department of Health. The next milestones will be the signing of financial

contracts in February this will be followed soon afterwards with building beginning on the hospital. Building work is expected to take 24 months.

All systems go!

On 2 December 2009, NHS Bristol announced that the business case for the South Bristol Community Hospital had been approved by the Department of Health.

This is really good news for Bristol Community Health. We are the lead provider for the hospital and we will be running and managing it on opening. We will run services including urgent care, rehabilitation and day assessment/day hospital services there.

With the successful completion of this final stage in the approval process, the project can now proceed to contract signing and financial close, which is planned for February 2010. Building work for the hospital will begin within a few weeks of financial close.

Building work is scheduled to take 24 months and it is estimated that the first

patients will begin to be treated in early 2012.

The £54 million hospital will be developed by Bristol Infracare LIFT, a public-private partnership established by NHS Bristol in 2004. The LIFT company, which has already provided four new health centres across Bristol, has assembled an experienced design and construction team led by Carillion and local architects AWW. Bristol Community Health are working closely with LIFT and the architects on the design of the building.

The new hospital will provide people in south Bristol local access to a range of services including: diagnostic tests; walk-in care for minor illness and injury; booked appointments with hospital consultants and other specialists; an '8am to 8pm' GP service; a day surgical treatment centre and an integrated community rehabilitation service with inpatient beds.

NHS Bristol chief executive, Deborah Evans, said: "I am delighted that the final approval for the hospital has now been granted. It has been a long process and it is exciting that we can now move forwards. It is clear that this hospital marks real progress in transforming the way we can provide health care to people, particularly in the south of Bristol."

Greeting the news, local MP Dawn Primarolo said: "This decision is great news. It means that the NHS in Bristol will finally deliver on its promise to provide people in



Local campaigners point to new hospital site, from left John Plumb, Angela Gibson, Ken Jones, David Waters and Lorraine Horgan.

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Public Involvement Update



Andrew Mclean
Public involvement
facilitator

Hello, I am Andrew Mclean, the public involvement facilitator, for the South Bristol Community Hospital.

In my public involvement role I have been working with many communities and organisations across South Bristol to ensure patients have a direct input into the shaping

of the new community hospital. However, patients and the public have been heavily involved in the campaign for a hospital in South Bristol.

In recent years Bristol Community Health has been working with members of the public and patient representatives on a wide range of issues, for example:

- Advising on the consultation with communities dating back to 2004
- Contributing to the NHS Bristol Business Case that gained approval in early 2009
- Providing a patient perspective on the design of services and the hospital's colour scheme and overall layout.
- Visiting other community hospitals in England.

More recently patients and the public have been talking to Bristol Community Health about very specific issues relating to transport links, car parking spaces and internal access issues affecting patient flow within the three floors of the new hospital. Much of this work has been steered by the hospital's Public and Patient Involvement Group, made up of local people from across South Bristol and representatives from Bristol Community Health, NHS Bristol, Bristol LIFT Co and Bristol's LINK (Local Involvement Network).

All the hospital's service providers have been working together to ensure patients are kept informed of how the various services will work together in the future. For example, University Hospitals Bristol has facilitated a hospital tour for patients to



explore the University of Bristol Dental Hospital on Lower Maudlin Street. This gave participants a glimpse of what the new dental service will look like in the new South Bristol Community Hospital.

The tour also visited the new Bristol Heart Institute (attached to the Bristol Royal Infirmary) on Marlborough Street, which sparked an interesting discussion concerning the challenges and excitement of opening a brand new building for the patients of Bristol. Another strong example of partnership working has been Bristol City Council allowing patients from South Bristol to have a tour of the actual Hengrove site where the hospital will be built. The tour enabled participants to get a real sense of where the hospital will be located – its

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Michael Wheeler, dental services manager, gave a tour of the dental hospital

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proximity to the proposed leisure centre and Skills Academy and a unique view of the potential road layout within the Hengrove site.

As we approach the final hurdle for approving the building of the South Bristol Community Hospital, public involvement activities and opportunities will increase with a need for more members of the public to be involved in shaping the way the hospital will develop its links with local communities.

Please keep an eye on our website:

www.bristolpct.nhs.uk/Patients/BHSP/SBCH for more information on how you can get involved with the hospital. Also, please look out for a new range of public involvement leaflets that will soon be distributed across South Bristol.

If you have any comments, suggestions or ideas about involving the public, communities and patients in the development of the new hospital, please feel free to contact me, Andrew Mclean, on 0117 984 1553, email: andrew.mclean@bristolpct.nhs.uk

Let us know what you think!

Contact the South Bristol Community Hospital project team

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use the tear off slip overleaf to let us know what you think.

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south Bristol with the local hospital services for which they have campaigned for so long. Once contracts are signed in the new year we can look forward to seeing the building work begin and the dream will finally become a reality.”

One of Bristol Community Health’s important roles over the next months and years will be to ensure that all providers at South Bristol Community Hospital - University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust, Brisdoc, North Bristol NHS Trust and Bristol Community Health - work together to deliver a one team approach that provides seamless and efficient care for patients at South Bristol Community Hospital, whichever service they use there.

Over the next few weeks, the project team will be reviewing our plans and timetable for implementation of the hospital and its services. An important part of this will be making sure that local people, patients and their carers are kept informed about what the hospital means for them and how they can get involved in improving services for patients. So watch this space!

In the meantime, for further information about SBCH, please visit: www.bristol.nhs.uk/Patients/BHSP/SBCH/default.asp

Build options for the hospital and timescales

The NHS Bristol development partner - Bristol Infracare LIFT - has been reviewing build options for the hospital. It is now proposed that the new hospital will be built using standard construction methods on site rather than via an off-site modular approach.

The design of the hospital is unchanged so it will still look the same on the inside and outside. The main difference is that the standard build time will take 24 months compared with 12 month build with the modular system.

Following a patient's journey

by Frank Burge
Clinical nurse manager



When a patient arrives with a suspected bone injury at the new Urgent Care Centre at South Bristol Community Hospital, they will be greeted at reception and

asked some general questions regarding the injury. The patient will then be directed to the Minor Injury Service which will be staffed by nurses specifically trained to deal with minor injuries.

An examination will take place and the decision to be x-rayed will be made.

If an x-ray is needed the patient will then go through to the x-ray department which is located next to the Walk-in Centre.



In the x-ray department the patient will be examined and x-rayed by the duty radiographer who will look at the x-ray, discuss it with the nurse and

decide the plan of treatment.

If it is a non-complicated fracture the patient may have a simple plaster applied by a plaster technician or nurse and will have follow up outpatient appointments.



If it is a more serious fracture the patient will be transferred to the emergency department and will be looked after by the orthopaedic service.

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Write to us if you'd like to know more about South Bristol Community Hospital

Write your question(s)/comments here. We'll try to respond in our next newsletter. Please send this in to Helen Barrett at NHS Bristol, South Plaza, Marlborough Street, Bristol, BS1 3NX. Alternatively, you can email your questions and comments to her at: helen.barrett3@bristolpct.nhs.uk

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