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Foundations for our future

Hospital reconfiguration programme

Stakeholder briefing: June 2023

Highlights summary

- Our Rainbow Community Hub had its grand opening on 20th April
- Demolition has been completed in readiness for the new Learning and Development Centre at CRH
- Local residents were welcomed to a site visit at the new A&E at HRI



Rainbow Hub grand opening

Halifax Panthers' star and Wheelchair Rugby League World Cup winner, Rob Hawkins, cut the ribbon at the grand opening of the Rainbow Community Hub on 20th April.

Families who helped with the design and sponsored events were among the special guests on the day.



Learning and Development Centre

Planning permission for the new development has been received.

Demolition is complete and the site has been levelled and ground preparation works are continuing.

In May, there was a visit to Huddersfield University to promote partnership working within the simulation suite.

Work continues to develop detailed digital and equipment requirements to support the next phase of construction.

As a modular construction, the build will take place off site and brought to site for installation.



Learning and Development Centre

Internal areas are designed to provide:

- Simulation teaching suites
- Flexible facilities for individual and group learning
- Library – providing flexible areas and all latest clinical journals and papers
- Kitchen facilities and rest areas

External areas are designed to provide:

- A building that will compliment the existing surroundings
- Landscaped garden and planting to encourage wildlife
- Outdoor rest areas



Huddersfield Royal Infirmary A&E

The cladding on the outside of the building has now been completed and inside, the plastering and flooring is underway.

The department is split into reception and triage, resuscitation, majors, minors and paediatric areas

Two of the bays in the Majors area have ensuite facilities; there is an isolation room for patients with infectious illness and a dedicated room for patients experiencing mental health difficulties.

Some rooms in the Minors area are already nearing completion with painting and furniture installed. Wayfinding signage has been designed ready for installation.



Huddersfield Royal Infirmary A&E

On 5th May, we invited our immediate neighbours to the new A&E to have a look around the site and ask any questions.

Neighbour, David, said: “It’s superb. I’m really impressed – it’s very well designed.”



MP, mayoral and governor visits

In May, we welcomed the newly-elected Mayor of Kirklees to tour the site.

Our newly-elected governors also visited the new A&E, in a separate visit.

On Friday 1st June, Jason McCartney, MP for Colne Valley, [came back for a return visit](#) to see the progress over the past few months.



Jason McCartney MP
@JasonMcCartney

After visiting the fab new £15m A&E unit at Huddersfield Royal Infirmary back in January, it was great to be back today to see the progress ahead of its opening in the Autumn @CHFTNHS @HuddsHub @AdamGregg



Giving back to our communities

Our Social Values – giving back to our communities - has been very important throughout the build which is now approaching completion. As well as using local suppliers and construction partners we have also opened up a window into careers in the construction trade for the younger workforce.

Joshua Gordge-Jones, a Kirklees College student, has secured a plumber's apprentice role following his work experience on our new HRI A&E construction site.

Local firm Clifford Coopers, of Elland, have offered Joshua the role.

Providing training and opportunities in a range of roles has been key in our unique partnership with Kirklees College in Huddersfield.

It has also been an important part of our emphasis on community impact being part of the project. From the start, their students have joined us on the site working and learning alongside experienced workers in all roles.

Joshua is pictured with Eddie Parker from our construction partners, Vinci.



Giving back to our communities

- Facilitated learning through play at HRI's Spring Cottage nursery with toy diggers and wearing mini hi-vis gear in their sandpit
- Conducted employer visits with [C+K careers advisers](#) who work directly with young people in schools and colleges, as well adult clients
- Presented to current Kirklees College students who are looking to find employment within construction
- Attended a Women in Construction event at Kirklees College



Calderdale Royal Hospital

Plans are progressing and engagement continues for a new clinical building, redevelopment of the main entrance, multi-storey car park and a new Accident and Emergency department.



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Questions and feedback