

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

Western General Hospital Site Works
Update: Autumn 2022

This newsletter provides an update on the projects being undertaken across the Western General Hospital site. It is part of a series of quarterly newsletters for local residents.

Update on current works



Linear Accelerator Bunkers (linacs) and new office building: Construction of this building is now complete. It will house new specialist radiotherapy treatment machines (linacs) which can destroy cancer cells and also provides new office accommodation for staff. NHS Lothian has taken over responsibility of the building from the contractors RMF Health and staff have moved in. The new workspace will better support patient care and administrative teams. Work internally to install the linac machines for patients is underway and expected to be complete next year.

Flooding prevention works – Craigleith Road: Work to help reduce the risk of flooding in Craigleith is being carried out by Scottish Water on the site of the former Royal Victoria Hospital (RVH) and surrounding roads. It includes installing a new 12 metre diameter, 10 metre deep storm water storage tank within land on the south east corner of the RVH site adjacent to the existing gate house. We are happy to be able to support Scottish Water with their investment project which will increase the capacity of the sewer network to help better protect properties and streets at the lower area of Craigleith Road from sewer flooding at time of heavy rainfall. For more information please visit: <https://www.scottishwater.co.uk/in-your-area/investments-in-your-area/craigleith-edinburgh>

Parking provision: As construction on various projects ends, parking provision within the Western General Hospital is being reopened for patients. Car park 6d is now fully operational and car parks 4c and 4d will re-open in December 2022 following removal of site cabins. Access to car parks 7, 8 and 9 will be affected at times by planned infrastructure works but provision will be accommodated elsewhere on site. Vehicle access continues to be from Telford Road and follow a one-way system. There is no vehicle access into the site from Hospital Main Drive. The former Royal Victoria Hospital Site, located off Craigleith Road, also continues to be open for staff with permits as well as providing a construction compound.

Future work

Further Improvements to Cancer Care, Services and Facilities: This autumn we will start work on transforming part of the existing cancer centre into a purpose-built Cancer Assessment Unit. Inpatient cancer wards 2 and 4 will also be refurbished to provide more comfort and space for patients. Work is scheduled to be complete by the end of 2023.

Edinburgh Cancer Centre Enabling Works: Plans to prepare for a new Edinburgh Cancer Centre continue. A demolition and decant strategy for parts of the Western General Hospital Campus has been prepared and is in the final approval stages with the Scottish Government. Following this it will be made publicly available. Meetings will then take place with staff affected by the works to ensure minimum disruption to services.

Planning updates

Edinburgh Cancer Centre: Plans are progressing for a modern, purpose-built specialist cancer facility for the South-East of Scotland at the Western General Hospital. The initial agreement stage of the business case has been submitted to Scottish Government and we await their funding decision. The initiative will co-locate NHS clinical services with world-class research expertise from Cancer Research UK and Edinburgh University.

Critical care: We continue to await feedback on the initial agreement stage which proposes to redevelop and improve the critical care unit at the Western General Hospital. This will ensure it is better able to deliver modern treatments including supporting Advanced Cellular Therapies in the future. A decision is expected from the Scottish Government in due course

Success

NHS Lothian pioneers new treatment for patients with cervical cancer: earlier this year we reported that new equipment is providing 'first class treatment' to cervical cancer patients across South East Scotland at the Western General Hospital. The new brachytherapy kit, from Elekta, allows the delivery of a high dose of radiation directly into the tumour and minimises damage to the surrounding healthy tissue. Advancing treatment options is particularly important as cervical cancer is the most common cancer in women under 35 with around eight women being diagnosed each day in the UK. Read more at: [news.nhslothian.scot/2022/03/08/nhs-lothian-pioneers-new-treatment-for-patients-with-cervical-cancer](https://www.nhs.uk/news/2022/03/08/nhs-lothian-pioneers-new-treatment-for-patients-with-cervical-cancer)

Contact us

We would like to thank our neighbours and the local community for their patience and understanding throughout the redevelopment programme. We apologise for any inconvenience caused during these essential construction works. We stipulate that all our contractors are members of the Considerate Constructors Scheme to minimise disruption..

If you have any questions regarding the redevelopment programme, please email:

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You can also find more information by visiting our website: www.nhslothian.scot/WGHfuture

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1 R.I.D.U The Regional Infectious Disease Unit Wards : 41, 42 & 43	Specialist inpatient care OPAT Travel medicine & advice HIV management Hepatitis management
2 A.D.B Alexander Donald Building Wards : 20, 22 - 27	Physiotherapy OOC Therapy ATM (RBS)
3 A.F.B. Anne Ferguson Building Wards : 50 & 58	Metabolic Unit E.C.G. (Eccardiogram) Pre-admission and daybed Nurse Urology Clinics
4 O.P.D. Outpatient Department Medical Receiving Unit	X-Rays Minor Injuries Receiving Unit Medical and Surgical Rumatology Medical Physics
5 C.T.B. Clock Tower Building Wards : 10-15	Social Work Dept. Canteen open to public ENT (ear, nose, and throat) Rheumatology Dermatology
6 R.V.B. Royal Victoria Building Wards : 70-75	Medicine for the Elderly Orthopaedic Rehabilitation Acute Elderly Medicine Rheumatology Patients Dermatology Patients
7 E.C.C. Edinburgh Cancer Centre Wards : 2-8	Breast Unit/ Clinic Radiotherapy LINAC
8 Ward 1	Pharmacy Outpatients for SACT (Systemic Anti-Cancer Therapy)
9 R.D.B Renal Dialysis Building	Dialysis
10 Former DCN Department of Clinical Neurosciences	SDEC
11 Inverleith Building	Events Meetings Venue



Western General Hospital Patient and Visitor Map

