

Christchurch Hospital

Christchurch Hospital Redevelopment - Update 3rd Nov 2014



Construction works have continued at a good pace at Christchurch Hospital.

- The fitting out of the Plant Room continues with Reavey & Sons now the new switchgear alongside ARB as they continue with the installation of the new boilers
- The refurbishment of Forest Dene has been completed and the decant from OPD into the refreshed area took place as planned on Friday 24th October. This temporary facility provides a very different layout for OPD services but there has been no interruption or change to the patient services provided.
- Throughout last week a meet and greet service was provided by Stan Randell to assist directing vehicles and pedestrians as they entered site from Fairmile Road and comments gathered last week have been used to further enhance the temporary signage that will be installed during this week.
- The various elements of temporary works have been completed by Stan Randell and the refurbishment of the staff changing rooms located adjacent to the Therapies area has been completed this week and will be back in use early next week.

- The deconstruction of H Block has progressed very well with only a brief interruption to the works whilst the temporary water main was upgraded to assist with dust suppression during the saw cutting of the concrete floors. More than 100,000 bricks have been reclaimed and removed from site for use on other projects. During the removal of an early extension to H Block 3 plain glazed sash windows have been discovered encapsulated behind wall cladding and Hughes & Salvidge are hoping to remove at least one intact.
- By Wednesday this week the last walls of H block will have been dismantled and the crushing of the concrete slabs and masonry partition walls will then commence to create hardcore, most of which will be retained on site for use in the construction of the next phase of works.
- The vacated OPD has been segregated from the remainder of the hospital areas to allow removal of ACM in advance of Stan Randell
- Trial holes for the foundations for the GP Surgery, Pharmacy and Imaging extension are expected to start next week
- Connections of the new water, gas and electricity supplies should take place next month.

Feedback from patients and visitors regarding this temporary change has generally been positive but signage and travel distances for pedestrians are issues that will remain under constant review. It has been observed that often new patients/visitors are finding the signage clear and informative but a significant number of returning patients/visitors are arriving at locations where services were previously provided before looking for signage to redirect them and are then finding the signage lacking and the distance to the new location excessive.

Comprehensive 'you are here' information boards will be erected at the site boundaries and within car parks and various locations outside and inside the buildings. To improve security around the site, in particular for staff safety and to prevent opportunistic thefts, the hospital buildings will remain locked out of hours and in particular there will be no access prior to 7.45am.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or other members of the site based project team if there are comments or further information is required.

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