

Report to: Joint Health Scrutiny Committee

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Report for: Information

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Report Title

Wythenshawe Hospital – Emergency Department Redevelopment - Project Update

Summary

This paper provides an update for members of the Committee on progress with the new Emergency Department development at Wythenshawe Hospital.

Recommendation(s)

That members of the Committee note progress with the project and proposed next steps.

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Background Papers: None

1. The Proposed Development

The new emergency department (ED) at Wythenshawe Hospital will comprise:

- A significant new build extension to the front of the existing department, to provide new majors, minors and triage areas, a new main waiting area and reception.
- Substantial refurbishment and internal reconfiguration of the existing emergency department to provide expanded resuscitation facilities and paediatric department, and dedicated x-ray facilities
- An extension at first floor level to provide new staff facilities including offices and seminar facilities

The major benefits to our patients of the proposed development will be:

- An increase in overall treatment capacity and greater flexibility of facilities, thereby assisting in reducing patient waiting times
- Larger, more modern facilities throughout the department, providing higher standards of comfort, privacy and dignity
- The design allows for better supervision and observation of patients by ED staff, improving patient safety
- Separation of walk-in and ambulance patient flows
- Improved separation of adult and child patients
- Increased and more rapid access to diagnostic imaging, through provision of dedicated x-ray facilities within the department itself
- A significant improvement to the working environment for our staff, thereby helping us to recruit and retain good people

2. Actions to Date

Since the last report presented to the Committee in October 2016:

- The Trust is in the final stages of agreement of the construction contract with its partner, Interserve Construction Ltd.
- External enabling works including changes to site roads and demolition of a redundant canopy are continuing on site in preparation for the commencement of the main new build works.

3. Next Steps

The next steps in delivering the Emergency Department project will be as follows:

- Finalise and sign the construction contract
- Complete external enabling works
- Commence the new build extension to the emergency department

To keep the ED safe and operational throughout the construction period, the project will be delivered in phases in order to ensure that there is no reduction in patient treatment capacity within the ED at any point during the construction programme.

The new build extension will commence in February 2017, completing in April 2018 at which point services will decant into the new accommodation, releasing the existing department for refurbishment. The first phase of internal refurbishment, to provide new resuscitation, paediatric and x-ray facilities, will complete in October 2018. The final phase of refurbishment, which provides offices, stores and other support accommodation, will be completed in February 2019.

4. Conclusion

The committee is asked to note progress with the emergency department redevelopment project and the proposed next steps, and to receive a further progress update at its next meeting.