

## **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

### **What are your proposals for Springfield University Hospital?**

We want to redevelop the Springfield University Hospital site into a modern centre of excellence for the delivery of expert mental health care. The hospital will also become a community hub, with the development of housing and community spaces. There will be an overall investment of approximately £160 million.

### **Where has the money come from for this redevelopment?**

The redevelopment is funded through the sale of surplus land no longer required for NHS use.

### **Why do we need to redevelop Springfield University Hospital, is there a need?**

The development of state of the art mental health facilities are crucial in ensuring people with mental health issues are treated the same as those people with physical health issues. We need to look again at our mental health inpatient facilities.

We are still delivering some mental health services using buildings which are 150 years old. We have an opportunity to modernise these services and to replace our old and unsuitable accommodation. This means the Trust has less to spend on front line services and jobs. The new facilities would meet the latest and best standards for mental health care as suggested by the [Care Quality Commission](#) (the NHS regulator).

### **Has planning permission for Springfield University Hospital been granted?**

We've had planning permission for Springfield University Hospital since 2012. The Trust has outline planning permission for 839 residential dwellings and up to 25,000 sq. m of replacement mental health facilities on the Springfield University Hospital site.

### **What is the first phase of the development?**

The first phase of this development involves a parcel of land next to Hebdon Road, formerly Corner House Building, on the Springfield University Hospital site. This has been sold to Bellway Homes. Construction is taking place now. Following this, the

next stage should start construction in Spring/Summer 2017, depending on whether our estate proposals need approval from the Trust Development Authority and Central Government.

**How have service users and staff been involved in this work?**

Many patients and staff have been involved in contributing towards designs and outline plans for the new hospitals. This process will continue so that our new facilities are built in conjunction with the people who are using them.

**What will the benefits be for the community overall?**

The new hospital will be a vast improvement to NHS mental health inpatient services in the area. The development will also provide a high quality public area, including green space as well as pedestrian and cycle paths which will link the hospital with the wider community. The new buildings will be of the highest quality, with better safety and security for service users. There will also be a significant amount of new housing on the site, approximately 839 residential dwellings, including affordable housing.

Building a centre of excellence for inpatient mental health care at Springfield University Hospital will help attract the best healthcare staff available as they will be working in the highest quality surroundings and within a first-class environment.

**What will the impact be on the hospital during the redevelopment?**

We want to be a good neighbour and will keep disruption to a minimum. As part of our outline planning permission, there are a number of conditions and obligations we will stick to, including submitting a Construction Management Plan. This plan states that the majority of construction traffic for the Springfield project would come to the site via the Burntwood Lane entrance.