

Report to: East Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board

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By: Director of Transformation and Improvement, ESHT

Title: Building for our Future Hospital Redevelopment Programme update

Purpose of Report: To provide an update on East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust's hospital redevelopment programme

Recommendations:

The East Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to note the update on the status of East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust's capital developments and plans for hospital redevelopment as part of the Government's New Hospitals Programme.

1 Background

- 1.1 In October 2020 the Government announced details of 40 hospitals to be built by 2030 with a further eight new schemes invited to bid for future funding, as part of the New Hospitals Programme (NHP).
- 1.2 East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust (ESHT) is named as one of the Government's NHP schemes and is part of Cohort 4 known as the 'full adopters'.
- 1.3 The Trust's hospital redevelopment programme includes development of three hospital sites at Conquest Hospital, Eastbourne District General Hospital and Bexhill Community Hospital.
- 1.4 ESHT has continued to progress its hospital redevelopment programme within the parameters set out by the NHP. Additionally, the Trust is making progress with other capital development projects that are aligned to the Trust's long-term vision for improving hospital facilities. This update report sets out the progress being made.

2 Update on the Building for our Future Hospital Redevelopment Programme

- 2.1 **Business case development:** ESHT submitted a strategic outline case to NHSE for consideration in March 2021 and is waiting to hear from NHS England and the Department of Health and Social Care on the timescales and next steps. Further detail will likely be available in March 2023.
- 2.2 **Developing clinical models of care:** Work is progressing at ESHT involving clinical and non-clinical stakeholders to refine the future clinical models of care to ensure that the plans reflect best practice in clinical care nationally and internationally.
- 2.3 **NHP Demand and capacity modelling:** ESHT is collaborating directly with the NHP team to test and develop a model and approach for demand and capacity modelling

with the aim of improving quality, consistency and transparency in demand and capacity modelling across the NHS.

- 2.4 **NHP Clinical workstream:** ESHT's Chief of Emergency and Urgent Care has been collaborating with the NHP and supporting the team in the development of clinical standards for new hospitals. The hospital redevelopment team also continue to work in collaboration with the NHP team to complete a clinical safety environmental impact assessment to consistently capture the clinical impact of estates and infrastructural issues across the Trust's hospital sites.

3 Update on other Trust capital developments

- 3.1 **Bexhill Community Diagnostics Hub:** The brand new state of the art diagnostic centre located on Beeching Road in Bexhill-on-Sea was opened to patients in January 2023.
- 3.2 **Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme 3 (PSDS3):** Work is underway and on track for completion in Spring 2023 for the decarbonisation project at EDGH. This includes installation of external aluminium cladding and insulation throughout the phase 1 building at EDGH to improve building efficiency, in addition to installation of an electric heat pump heating system to replace the onsite boilers, and solar PV panels on an existing staff car park to provide renewable energy and reduce the carbon footprint of the site.
- 3.3 **Elective Hub at EDGH:** The Trust plan is to build a new dedicated day surgery unit on the site of the previous Polegate ward at EDGH, which will comprise 4 new operating theatres and associated support facilities. The facility is planned to go live in 2024/25.

4 Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

- 4.1 The East Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to note the update on the status of East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust's capital developments and plans for hospital redevelopment as part of the Government's New Hospitals Programme.

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Background documents

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