

Report to: East Sussex Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC)

Date of meeting: 11 December 2025

By: Deputy Chief Executive

Title: ESHT Capital Works Programme

Purpose: To provide the Committee with an overview of the East Sussex Healthcare Trust Capital Works Programme, detailing ongoing and planned the capital works at Conquest, Bexhill, and Eastbourne District General Hospitals.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is recommended to:

- 1) consider and comment on the report; and
 - 2) consider whether to request a further report on any of the areas covered in the report.
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1. Background

1.1. On 18 September 2025, the HOSC requested a report providing overview of the ESHT Capital Works Programme, detailing any ongoing and future capital works at Conquest, Bexhill and Eastbourne District General Hospitals.

1.2. The HOSC last received a report on the capital works developments at its meeting in September 2023, where the Committee was provided information about the New Hospitals Programme; a £20 billion investment programme in hospital infrastructure to 48 hospital trusts nationally, including the East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust (ESHT).

1.3. The Trust continues to deliver a comprehensive and wide-ranging capital works programme of the ESHT estate within the current fiscal year. This includes a range of clinical facilities, ongoing modernisation and refurbishment of current estates, major schemes, and a digital transformation programme.

1.4. This report provides the Committee with an update on significant ongoing and upcoming capital works ESHT is undertaking. ESHT is also undertaking a number of other capital development schemes, including those related to service configurations of Cardiology services, which the HOSC previously conducted a review of, which is addressed here and elsewhere on the agenda of this meeting.

2. Supporting information

2.1. ESHT has produced a report for the HOSC attached as **Appendix 1**. The report provides an overview of capital works that involve construction works across ESHT sites, and excludes digital transformation, which forms part of the wider-ranging programme.

2.2. The report includes information on:

- the opening of the Sussex Surgical Centre;
- the opening of the Sussex Endoscopy Unit;
- the phases of the Cardiology Transformation Programme;

- updates to diagnostics; and
- Critical infrastructure works.

3 Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

3.1 The Committee is recommended to consider and comment on the report and consider whether to request a further report on any of the areas covered in the report.

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