

Midland Metropolitan University Hospital update for Overview and Scrutiny meeting on the 19th November 2020

The committee were last advised in February of the construction contract signature in December 2019.

Since then the hospital has been named the Midland Metropolitan University Hospital reflecting the importance of University partnerships and practice on the site in terms of learning and research.

Construction remains broadly on track aligning with the hospital opening in 2022. There has been 23 days slippage in the construction programme during the pandemic. Numbers of staff working on the site has increased from 200 to over 550 in the reporting period.

Over the summer the project has re-engaged internally with clinical teams to document the acute care model. The thematic outputs include:

- Pre hospital community based care significantly transforms to include community based acute medicine and risk stratified personalised patient case management, avoiding unnecessary ED attendance and hospital admission. Population health data will help predict the need for care intervention.
- The improved diagnostic access and location of radiology kit in MMUH dedicated to acute and urgent care only will bring innovation in pathways and early decision making.
- An extended hospital day from 8am – 8pm with senior decision makers will provide 7 day equitable services.
- Robust senior clinical triage in ED is key to achieve early diagnostics and appropriate streaming to non ED assessment locations.
- Zonal working is necessary in departments of scale eg; ED and Acute Assessment.
- Same Day Emergency Care growth in Medicine, Surgery and Children's services will support increased admission avoidance and safe discharge pathways.
- There is demand for an advanced clinical practitioner workforce inclusive of educational capacity to train this group of staff.
- Standardisation of pathways and policies is essential to efficient and effective coordination and planning of patient pathways, as well as an enabler to enhanced safety. This is a process as well as a cultural change.
- The building design offers new opportunities for therapeutic care.

The Trust aims to introduce 70% of the changes prior to move.

External stakeholder analysis has been updated and engagement and a communication plans agreed for implementation from December 2020.

In terms of the on site development plots at MMUH and associated regeneration programme, the Trust have submitted a bid for a Learning Campus on site in partnership with Learning Works, Sandwell College, Aston and Wolverhampton universities.

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