

New Frimley Park Hospital Update

I know how passionate our local community and staff are about Frimley Park Hospital, and how excited you are about the once-in-a-generation opportunity to help us build the new hospital.

Over the last few months, we have made incredible progress towards narrowing down the potential new location by undertaking a thorough site selection process. The hard work of our teams has meant that we now have a number of preferred sites.

I also want to thank everyone who took part in our [first public engagement](#) to let us know what was most important to you. We have considered this feedback when looking at the site selection process, and we look forward to our next engagement period with you.

Additionally, I'm delighted to share behind-the-scenes footage of our current hospital, looking at the issues we face with Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC). This demonstrates how we are continuing to monitor and maintain the hospital as we celebrate 50 years since the hospital was built.

Over the coming months we are taking monumental steps towards the development of our new hospital, and I can't wait to take this journey together.

Nigel Foster
Senior Responsible Officer, Frimley Health New Hospital Programme



RAAC in theatres at Frimley Park Hospital

The site selection process to date

In Summer 2023, we asked a specialist land agency to identify a range of potential sites for the new Frimley Park Hospital, then applied pass or fail criteria to rule out those that were unsuitable. For the next step, we looked at 14 technical criteria and considered the feedback from our public and staff engagement.

Following this process, we have shortlisted a number of 'preferred sites', which were recently approved by the Frimley Health Board. We are now undertaking a continued level of due diligence on the preferred sites to complete legal and planning analysis before any further decisions can be made.

We have entered into confidentially agreements with land owners of our preferred sites. To protect those agreements, it is not appropriate for us to provide further information relating to the sites or their locations while we continue our due diligence. We will know the outcome of our site evaluation later this year, when we will start the process of purchasing our preferred site.

What you told us

We recently published a document that explains how the feedback from our initial engagement period between November 2023 to January 2024 was incorporated into our site selection process.

[Download our 'You said we did' summary on our website.](#)

The Trust remains on track to redevelop Frimley Park Hospital for 2030, and is working closely with all partners to enable the programme plan to achieve this challenging deadline.



Be in the know

We have put together a list of the most common questions we get asked about RAAC concrete and the new hospital. We've added a few below.

Will the new hospital be built to last?

The new hospital will be built using modern methods of construction, with a view to it lasting as long as possible. It will allow for future growth of services, and the design will incorporate the learning from the best examples of national and international hospital design.

Why can't we use land next to the hospital?

Land adjacent to the current Frimley Park Hospital is not for sale, and any developable area is not big enough for us to build the state-of-the-art replacement hospital with twice the footprint of the current hospital.

Will the new Frimley Hospital be a Hospital 2.0 build?

The new hospital will be a Hospital 2.0 build. This is a new, national standardised design for future hospitals which will decrease the average time to develop and build hospitals as well as reducing the cost through economies of scale. It will also benefit patients and staff through sustainable, digital solutions, and an optimised hospital layout.

What will happen to the old building?

All RAAC areas of the old Frimley Park Hospital, which make up 65% of the site, will be demolished. No decision has been taken and the future use of the existing, non-RAAC plank affected estate will be subject to review.

Why are we building a new section for the current Frimley Park Hospital?

A new £49 million building is set to be opened at Frimley Park Hospital in 2025. This extension, which is being built using modern methods of construction, will provide 74 additional, much needed inpatient beds and a new state-of-the-art diagnostic and imaging unit. This essential additional bed capacity will deliver a greatly improved environment for patients and staff.

It will also enable more efficient ward refurbishments and reduce the disruption caused by the ongoing remedial work to keep areas affected by reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete (RAAC) safe.



Illustration of the new inpatient and diagnostic extension

Discover more [frequently asked questions around our new hospital on our website](#)



Why do we need a replacement hospital?

Around 65% of the current Frimley Park Hospital is made up of RAAC. This deteriorates over time and is now at the end of its life, posing a potential risk to patients, visitors, and staff.

This month we've been talking to **Yemi Agbowu** from our Capital Projects team around what is being done to monitor RAAC at Frimley Park Hospital, and how we are maintaining both clinical and operational areas of the site to ensure it is safe for our patients and staff.



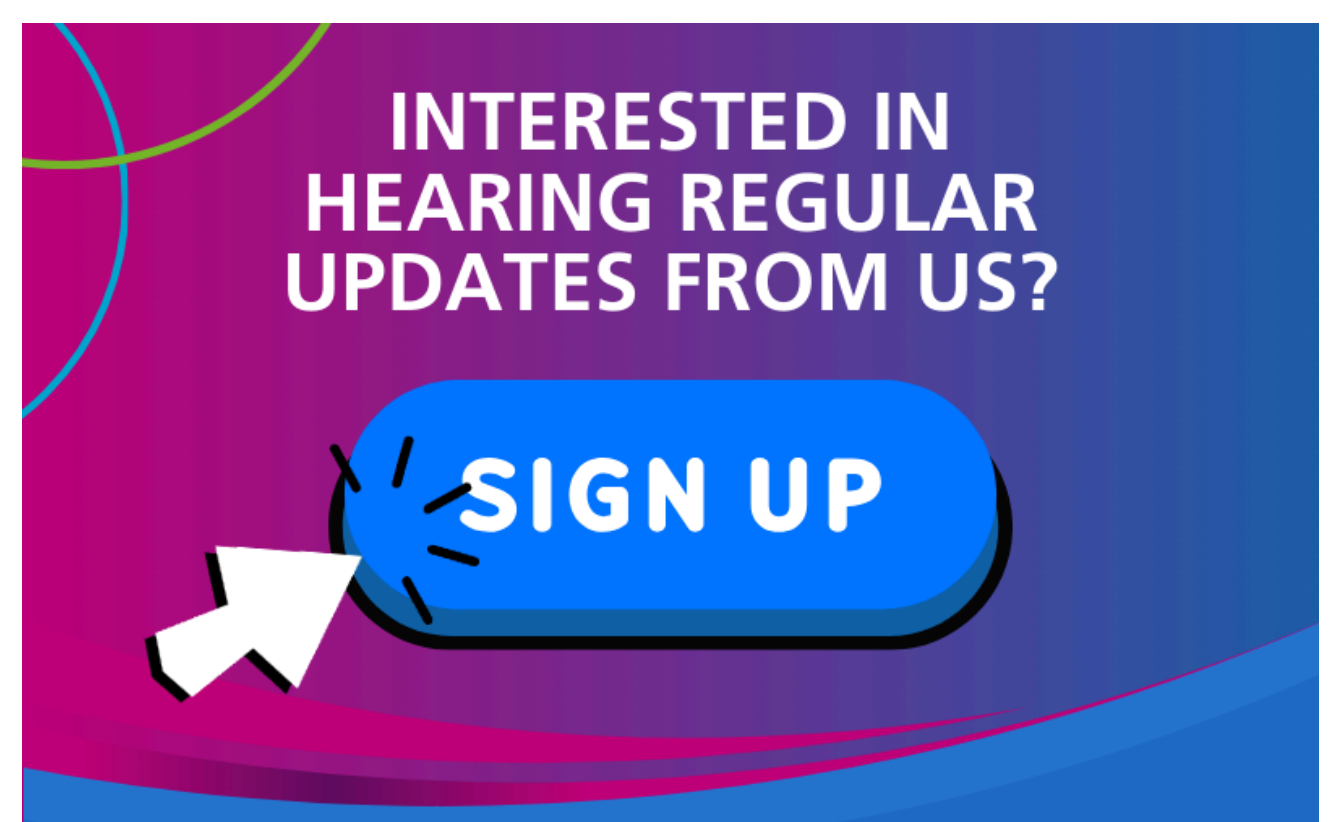
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More detail on the New Hospital Programme, including future events and engagement opportunities will be added to our [website](#). If you have any questions or require further information, you can email the team at: fhft.newfphcomms@nhs.net.

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