

Cheshire East Council Scrutiny Committee meeting – 12th December

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Leighton Hospital Context

- Built in the early 1970s
- Located in Mid Cheshire by Crewe
- Employs around 5,500 staff
- Serves a community of over 300,000 people
- 450,576 patients seen per year
- Has a number of infrastructure issues including RAAC and asbestos



Existing site

- 'Bubbly' lightweight form of reinforced concrete
- Shelf-life estimated to be about 30 years
- Committee of Structural Engineers (SCOSS) issued a notice in 2019 highlighting the significant risk of failure of these planks
- Mid Cheshire has over 16,000 roof and 100,000 wall planks. Over 80% of the hospital estate at Leighton affected by RAAC, including acute services
- NHSEI issued instructions requiring the removal of RAAC planks by 2030
- 7-year remediation programme initiated to install failsafe steel work



Existing Hospital and Site

- Large spread of footprint with excessive travel distances and disconnect between acute services
- Large amounts of accommodation does not meet HBN technical standards
- Inflexible environments with limited opportunity for future adaptability and future expansion
- Clinical and operational inefficiencies
- Poor aspect and daylighting impacts on patient, staff and visitor wellbeing and satisfaction
- Poor wayfinding externally and internally
- By end of current financial year circa £100m has been spent since 2020 on RAAC works



Preferred Way Forward

- Main new hospital build containing theatres, ED, women's & children's, inpatient wards, main outpatients etc
- Maximise retained estate where practical ED converted to training and education and Darwin converted to a rehab bed model
- Optimised clinical and operational functionality, adjacencies, flows and travel distances
- Compact and efficient footprint provides the necessary access for blue light, service and public traffic, and a landscaping setting benefitting patient and user wellbeing
- Footprint pulled away from Flowers Lane / existing and consented development
- Fully net zero carbon compliant
- Fully digitally enabled hospital



Preferred Way Forward scheme at a glance



To inspire hope and provide unparalleled care for the people and communities of Cheshire, helping them to enjoy life to the fullest				
We put you first	We strive for more	We respect you	We work together	
Improving health outcomes to deliver the best care and experience centred on the patients needs	Working in partnership to collaborate across place and wider boundaries to enhance patient care	Empowering our people to be the best they can be	Building a better tomorrow to deliver a sustainable and innovative infrastructure	
belivery of high quality, digitally enabled hospital estate and healthcare services to be delivered at supporting right time, right place delivery of healthcare and releasing staff time to care	Working in Partnership Maximise the Trust's role as an anchor institution by working with partners to increase social mobility, improve access into community services and reduce health inequalities in our communities	Empowering our people Deliver healthcare spaces that enhances the health and well being of our staff, reduces staff turnover and improves the ability of the Trust to attract and retain talented individuals	Building a better tomorrow Provide a New Zero Carbon Hospital estate that can meet future clinical capacity and has eradicated RAAC by 2030	

Efficient Increase efficiency across service delivery and hospital estate to support financial sustainability for the trust and system







Timetable

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Redevelopment – Target Dates





Next steps – Outline Business Case stage

Key deliverables during OBC

- RIBA stage 2 December 2024
- Outline Planning application April 2025
- Outline approval September 2025
- ICB support October 2025
- Trust Board approval November 2025
- Submission November 2025



Clinical and Digital Transformation

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Clinical vision

In 2021, the Trust launched population segmentation work to gain a deeper understanding of the healthcare needs of the local population.

Key findings revealed an anticipated population growth of 5-8% over the next five years, with the highest growth among individuals aged 65 and above.

Additionally, 17% of children live in low-income families, and 11% of areas within the Trust's catchment area rank among the UK's 10% most deprived regions. As the Trust aims to optimise care, it has created four models of care centred around these distinct needs.

These models of care underpin the transformation plans for a new Leighton



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Transforming Care

- D&C modelling completed with transformation levers applied
- Transformation group to be established including system and PLACE partners
- Mapped existing Trust transformation plans against D&C transformation levers
- Total of 25 levers selected covering a number of areas such as;

Community falls prevention	ED attendance avoidance and frequent attenders	Care home response	Virtual wards (admission avoidance)
Patient Initiated Follow Up	Expansion of SDEC model	Provision of hot clinics	Early supported stroke discharge







Communications & engagement



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The Design

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What is Hospital 2.0

Standardised repeatable design



- Consistent Design Across all New Hospital Construction
- Some Be-spoking for Site Specific issues example ground conditions
- Kit of Parts e.g. bathroom components, doors (27k to 700)
- Uses Modern Methods of Construction

Efficiencies

- Integrated whole systems approach enabling bestvalue procurement and construction
- Schedule and Time Savings as Design already Completed
- More cost certainty due to designs being re-used and less risk of design flaws.
- Allows more investment by private sector to innovate

Improvements in patient care

- Enables consistent approach to transformation across the NHS
- Encourages standard and tested patient flows due to standardised patient pathways
- Greater Staff familiarity when working out of multiple hospitals
- Allows more input from Staff, Patients and patient representative groups

Illustrative Visual of a Future Healthcare Campus



