Building a new Chase Farm Hospital

SUMMER 2016

The redevelopment of Chase Farm Hospital has begun.

All existing services will continue to be provided, but in greatly improved facilities.

The new hospital will provide outpatient services including diagnostics, musculoskeletal therapies and women's services, an urgent care centre including paediatrics and an older persons assessment unit, theatres, day surgery, endoscopy and medical day cases including a chemotherapy unit.

Surplus land will be used for residential development to fund the new hospital facilities. It will include up to 500 family homes and apartments, including key worker accommodation, set within a landscaped environment.

A parcel of land has now been sold to Enfield Council who are going to build a three-form entry primary school to provide much needed school places for new and existing residents.
Construction works update

Construction work is progressing at an exciting pace.

Foundation work for the main building is complete and work on the concrete frame has started. The maternity building has been demolished and work for the new energy centre is underway. Two tower cranes are on site and are being used to lift steel, concrete, large tools and other heavy materials.

We are carefully planning the redevelopment so that all services remain operational throughout construction and disruption to patients is minimised.

For more information about the redevelopment visit www.royalfree.nhs.uk/chasefarm.

Next steps

Timeline

MARCH 2016
(COMPLETE)

Land for primary school sold to Enfield Council

SPRING 2016

Main works start

SUMMER 2016

Expected sale of land for the first of the housing sites

JUNE 2018

Trust takes handover of new hospital
Ongoing improvements

The trust continues to make a number of improvements on site to create a better experience for patients, staff and visitors.

Easier access to blood tests

A new appointment system for the blood test unit at Chase Farm Hospital was introduced in late 2015. Patients can now book a blood test up to six months in advance, either online or by phone. The blood test unit is open Monday – Friday from 8am and also has late night clinics on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday until 7.30pm. These improvements have rapidly reduced patient waiting times for this extremely busy clinic. We have received very positive feedback from many patients expressing how convenient the new service is.

Outdoor gym to improve fitness

An exciting outdoor gym for staff, patients, visitors and the local community is now available at Chase Farm Hospital. The gym, located next to the clocktower building, is equipped with a combination of cardio, strength and toning work stations for those who want to improve their levels of fitness and health. This is free for everyone to use but will be of particular benefit to patients undergoing rehabilitation and physiotherapy.

Clock café opens

A new café for staff, patients, visitors and the local community opens at Chase Farm Hospital this Summer. The Clock café serves healthy main meals, snacks, sandwiches and drinks. Located next to the clocktower building and green gym, it is open from Monday – Friday between 7am and 7pm and Saturday – Sunday between 8am and 4pm.

The café, run by Medirest on behalf of the trust, also sells newspapers, magazines and toiletries.

Dementia garden transformation underway

Two under-used outdoor spaces in the Highlands wing at Chase Farm Hospital are being transformed by the Chase Farm Charity into specialist therapeutic gardens to enhance patient recovery.

One garden has been designed to support dementia patients and includes a street with shop fronts, street lamps and individual front gardens all designed to provoke memory recall and provide a stimulating environment. The second garden is based on a Japanese garden which provides peace for those recovering from stroke or brain injury and can be used for therapy sessions.

The gardens will make a huge difference to patients and their families and provide a much needed outdoor space for patients.

Work began on the gardens in June 2016 with local volunteers beginning to clear the gardens. The transformation should be complete by September 2016.

For more information on this exciting project and how to donate visit www.royalfreecharity.org.
Patients, members of the public and staff who want to know more about the redevelopment are invited to visit the redevelopment hub, located in front of the Clocktower building at Chase Farm Hospital. The hub is open on Monday, Thursday and Friday from 10am-2pm.

If you would like to receive regular email updates please email rf.cfhstakeholders@nhs.net.

For more information, including artist’s impressions and a film which simulates the construction of the new hospital, visit www.royalfree.nhs.uk/chasefarm.