



**NHS**

**Royal Free London**  
NHS Foundation Trust

**NEWS**

# Building a new Chase Farm Hospital

SPRING 2018



**This autumn the newest and most digitally advanced hospital in the NHS will open**



**The new Chase Farm Hospital will provide a state of the art environment which will help us deliver an even better experience for our patients and staff.**

It will offer out-patient services including diagnostic tests, musculoskeletal therapies and women's services. There will also be an urgent care centre, an older persons' assessment unit, endoscopy and services for medical day cases including a chemotherapy unit.

The hospital will also be the location for most of our elective (planned) surgery with eight main operating theatres, a dedicated day surgery area and 50 surgical in-patient beds to support this.

**world class expertise**  **local care**

# How did we get here?

**A redevelopment of this size has taken major strategic planning and preparation.**

The Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust committed to redeveloping Chase Farm Hospital, making it fit for purpose to deliver 21st century healthcare and to provide world class care close to where our patients live, following the acquisition of Barnet and Chase Farm Hospitals NHS Trust in July 2014.

The future of the hospital as an elective site with urgent care facilities had already been set out within the Barnet, Enfield and Haringey clinical strategy published in 2011.

Following engagement with key stakeholders and strategic partners we obtained planning consent from Enfield Council in January 2016 and government approval of our business case in March 2016.

Preparation of the site began in September 2015, with demolition and enabling works. Main construction work started a year later.

Sir David Sloman, Royal Free London group chief executive, said: "The speed of the redevelopment of Chase Farm Hospital is unprecedented, taking only four years from inception and drawing board to completion. It brings into reality a new hospital for the residents of Enfield which was identified as being needed as early as 1973."

# Construction update

**Building work has progressed at an exciting pace, keeping to both time and budget.**

More than 400 workers, including electricians, lift installers, floor layers and painters, are on site each day working hard to complete the building. The outside of the building is finished and can be seen from the viewing platform on top of the multi-storey car park.

Landscaping works are well underway including the installation of a glass entrance canopy, new footpaths around the building and creation of a dedicated service yard.

The construction of the new road junction to the front of the hospital is nearly complete. This will provide a new vehicle and pedestrian access, as well as the introduction of a filter lane on The Ridgeway to help ease congestion.

Power has been turned on in the new building and the construction team are getting building systems, such as the information technology and nurse call systems, fully commissioned and ready for use.

We have planned the redevelopment carefully so that all services remain operational and disruption to patients has been minimised.

*Children from Wilbury Primary School in Enfield have decorated the hoardings with pictures promoting good health*



*Trees that had to make way for the new hospital are being put to good use by children in the hospital's day nursery where they take pride of place in the outdoor play area*

*Out of date masks and goggles have been given a new lease of life in a Bangladesh refugee camp thanks to a partnership with a charity led by Asghar Muhammad, intensive therapy unit charge nurse at the Royal Free Hospital*



Specialist equipment is being installed in the barn theatres



# Using our theatres in new and innovative ways

**The opening of the new Chase Farm Hospital has given us a fantastic opportunity to use our hospitals in a different way.**

One key opportunity is to improve the way we use our theatres. Increasing our planned surgical work at Chase Farm Hospital will enable us to use our facilities and staff in the most effective and efficient way. It will also help us to free up space at Barnet Hospital for medical and surgical emergencies and allow the Royal Free Hospital to focus on specialist surgery.

In particular, orthopaedics, ear, nose and throat, maxillofacial, general and gynaecological surgery will mostly be carried out at Chase Farm Hospital.

There will be eight main operating theatres including four 'barn theatres' specifically designed for orthopaedic work. The term barn theatre refers to the open-plan design of our main surgical area, where each patient will be treated in a dedicated space alongside the next patient, with a specialised air canopy over each station to prevent the spread of infection. The barn theatres will have adjoining anaesthetic rooms and traditional recovery areas.

Benefits of barn theatres include lower infection rates and improved safety as surgeons can immediately seek advice or a second opinion from their colleagues.

All theatres and out-patient clinics will run from 8am to 8pm each weekday, offering patients more choice and making sure all our new facilities are used most efficiently.



*Patient rooms on the surgical in-patient floor are nearly complete*

## Get well soon... in your own room

**Evidence shows that single hospital rooms increase physical and psychological comfort, reduce infection rates and improve patient satisfaction around privacy and dignity.**

On the surgical in-patient floor there will be 50 beds in total, 42 of which are single rooms. Three of these rooms have the facility to be used as an enhanced surgical care unit. In addition there are two four-bedded bays for patients who may choose to be with others, or for patients who might need to stay for a short time following their stay in theatre recovery.

The outlook from every patient bed space is to surrounding countryside and all rooms make use of natural light to create a space to promote wellbeing.

# Preparing for the move

Construction of the new hospital will be complete by early June 2018. Services will move into the new building in phases over the summer months before the hospital fully opens in autumn 2018.

A significant amount of work is underway to ensure a safe, smooth transfer of patients, services and staff to the new hospital. All staff and volunteers are being trained to use the new equipment and technology to make sure they are familiar with every element of working in the new hospital before it opens to patients.



# Patients coming to the new hospital

If you have an appointment over the summer months it may be in the new Chase Farm Hospital. If so, we will let you know where to go. From the autumn all patients will be seen in the new hospital.

# Staying informed

For more information visit [www.royalfree.nhs.uk/chasefarm](http://www.royalfree.nhs.uk/chasefarm).

If you have any questions or comments about the new hospital please email: [rf.cfhstakeholders@nhs.net](mailto:rf.cfhstakeholders@nhs.net).

Enough concrete to fill

# 1,500

bath tubs was poured every week during the build

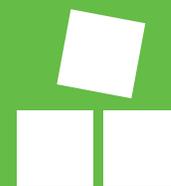
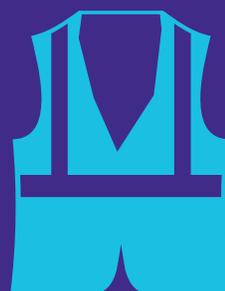


We will have **5** endoscopy procedure rooms

with **16** single patient pods

# 154

apprentices have worked on the build



# 1,000

concrete piles make up the hospital foundations – the equivalent of 10 miles!

The total floor area of the hospital is in excess of

# 20,000

<sup>m<sup>2</sup></sup>

That's more than 75 tennis courts



There will be **50** surgical in-patient beds,

**42** of which are en-suite

