

EXTERNAL SERVICES SELECT COMMITTEE - HILLINGDON HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT UPDATE

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Papers with report	Appendix
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HEADLINES

To enable the Committee to keep up to date on the progress of the plans to build a new Hillingdon Hospital.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the External Services Select Committee notes the update on the development of a new Hillingdon Hospital.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

The current Hillingdon Hospital is an old building with parts of the estate built in the 1930s as emergency wartime accommodation. Some of the older wards have become unsafe and have been closed to protect patients and staff. 81% of the hospital building will require major repair or replacement soon. Works have been undertaken and more are planned to enable the Trust to continue providing services safely in the short term. However, if all the necessary repairs required were undertaken, it would cost over £211m (the second most expensive maintenance bill for a hospital trust in England) and many of the repairs would not be long term solutions.

For Hillingdon Hospital patients, the maze-like layout of the current site makes it difficult to get around and the condition of buildings can make the experience of being in hospital more difficult. The Trust's Care Quality Commission report in 2018 highlighted issues of patient safety, dignity and patient experience which have directly resulted from the outdated estate. The site layout and state of disrepair can also make it difficult for staff to do their jobs as efficiently and effectively as they would like.

These issues contribute to the Trust's financial deficit and hinder its mission to provide high quality, safe and compassionate care to improve the health and wellbeing of the people we serve. It is clear that there is an urgent need for significant investment to redevelop Hillingdon Hospital. Without this, the estate will continue to deteriorate until the delivery of modern healthcare on the site is no longer possible.

On 2 October 2020, the Department of Health and Social Care renewed its commitment to supporting the building of 40 new hospitals, of which, Hillingdon is one. The first stage of the business case (the Strategic Outline Case (SOC)) was approved in principle at the Department of Health and Social Care and NHS England/Improvement Joint Investment Committee at the start of October. Based on the assessment of options to date, this identifies a new hospital build on the Hillingdon Hospital site as the preferred way forward. The approval from the Department

of Health and Social Care and NHS England/Improvement is subject to further work at the next stage (the Outline Business Case (OBC)), particularly in relation to making sure the hospital is the right size for future needs, that it is affordable, that the procurement strategy delivers value for money and that the plan makes full use of modern methods of constructions and reduces the Trust's carbon footprint.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.