West London Mental Health NHS Trust is about to begin a major redevelopment of the Broadmoor Hospital site which will modernise the way we care for our patients and provide improved working conditions for our staff.
Broadmoor Hospital is one of three high secure mental health facilities in England. It provides a specialist service; assessing and treating men from the south of England who have serious mental health or personality disorders. Their illness warrants care and treatment in conditions of high security.

Originally called Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum, the hospital was built in 1863 and positioned to overlook the scenic and hilly area of Berkshire in order to offer respite and tranquillity. However, since then, mental health care has advanced tremendously, and the Victorian architecture no longer offers suitable accommodation for the types of patients being cared for there today, and their healthcare needs.
A 2009 Care Quality Commission (CQC) report concluded that our current hospital was no longer fit for the purpose of delivering high secure mental health services and needed upgrading.

Over the years it has become increasingly difficult for our staff to provide the modern services patients require. The Victorian buildings and striking architecture, although impressive to look at, are very costly to maintain and contain blind spots on corridors and between buildings. Supervision and observation of patients is compounded by the current hospital design and means that staff often need to observe corridors and ward areas.

The trust looked at a number of options and decided that a new hospital was not only the most financially viable, but would also allow us to modernise services and create an environment specifically designed for the delivery of 21st century high secure mental health care.
Redevelopments of this size take major strategic planning and preparation, and are monitored closely by a range of government organisations.

Following the CQC report, planning for the redevelopment began. Since then we have been working on a number of mandatory documents such as the strategic outline case (SOC), outline business case (OBC) and full business case (FBC) to explain exactly why the redevelopment is necessary, and how it will benefit our patients.

Preparation of the site itself began in 2012, when the trust embarked on its enabling works programme. This included a variety of projects such as demolitions, ecology surveys, and small scale refurbishments.
Our main priority is to ensure that all patients are cared for in a fit for purpose therapeutic environment which will encourage and support their recovery journey. We also want to make sure that our staff are working in the best possible conditions and can carry out their duties as effectively and efficiently as possible.

Due to the hospital’s current layout, staff spend a great deal of time escorting and observing patients. The new hospital’s design will eliminate the need for these long periods of observation and constant ushering, as the layout allows patients more independent accessibility which greatly aides the recovery process. Staff will also have more time to get involved with therapeutic activities.

The new hospital will not only bring the trust in line with recent high secure mental health standards, but will also be much less expensive to maintain, allowing us to invest more money into patient care.

**What’s inside?**
The new hospital will have 16 wards and a total of 234 beds providing accommodation for 210 patients and 24 flexible beds, which will be used as necessary.

In the middle of the site will be a central building that will house a variety of services located over two floors. These will include:

- Therapy and educational services.
- Multi-faith centre.
- Vocational services workshops.
- Patient physical health care centre.
- Family visiting suite.
Below are the key stages of the trust’s overall schedule for the Broadmoor Hospital redevelopment project*

2005
Winter
SOC approval
Broadmoor Hospital redevelopment SOC approved. The SOC provides all the necessary information the government needs to make an initial decision about investing in the project.

2012
Spring
Planning approval
Bracknell Forest Council approves plans for proposed redevelopment of Broadmoor Hospital.

Summer
OBC approval
The Broadmoor Hospital redevelopment OBC receives Department of Health approval, signaling the go ahead for the trust to continue preparation for the project.

The OBC provides further details about the trust’s plans for the site.

Autumn
FBC submission
The FBC goes to NHS London (our strategic health partner) and the trust takes another step towards upgrading the 150 year old hospital.

The FBC gives an in depth analysis of the project and patient benefits.

New PMVA
Demolition and rebuild of a new staff training centre begins. The new building contains a bat loft where native English bats can rest and roost during the coldest months. Works on this site will last approximately one year.
2013
Spring
Energy centre
A new energy centre, which will provide all the power and energy the modernised hospital will need when completed, is finished. Constructed with an ecologically friendly green roof, it’s also fitted with a biomass system, so some of the new hospital’s electricity will be produced using woodchips.

New access road
Work begins to create a new road off of the A3095. The road has been designed to divert construction traffic away from Crowthorne and minimise disruption to local residents.

When the new hospital opens, this road will become the main access route for staff and visitors

Winter
Start on site
Enabling works are now complete and the trust’s contractors arrive on the site to begin construction.

2017
Spring
Hospital move
Patients, services and staff move into the brand new hospital buildings. Once settled in, they begin to benefit from the improved therapeutic services, larger communal spaces and individual ward gardens.

2019
Summer
Project complete
The old listed buildings are sold and the Broadmoor Hospital redevelopment comes to an end.

Autumn
FBC approval
The trust receives Department of Health FBC approval.

Main contractor appointment
The trust decides which company will be awarded the contract to build the hospital. Building work will take three to four years.

* Please note that all major NHS redevelopment projects must be approved by a range of organisations including the Department of Health. As a result these dates are subject to change.
For more information on the redevelopment of Broadmoor Hospital or to join our mailing list, please email redevelopment.team@wlmht.nhs.uk, or call 020 8354 8836

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