

**LEICESTER, LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND JOINT HEALTH
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: 27 NOVEMBER 2024**

REPORT OF UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS OF LEICESTER NHS TRUST

OUR FUTURE HOSPITALS PROGRAMME UPDATE

Purpose of report

1. The purpose of this agenda item is to provide an overview and update of University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust's (UHL) 'Our future hospitals programme', a multi-million pound transformation of services.
2. UHL have been requested to provide a written report for the meeting but at the time of publishing the agenda for this meeting no information from UHL had been received by the secretariat of the Committee (Leicestershire County Council Democratic Services). Should a report be received before the meeting it will be circulated and published as a supplementary document.
3. This report is to explain to members and the public what the agenda item will cover.

Background

4. At the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Joint Health Scrutiny Committee meeting on 18 December 2023 UHL provided an update on the 'Our Future Hospitals Programme'. The report considered at the meeting can be found here: <https://democracy.leics.gov.uk/documents/s180237/UHL%20Recon%20report%20LLR%20Joint%20HOSC%2018%20Dec.pdf>
5. The report explained that the Trust cannot continue to operate in its current format as medical and nursing resources are spread thinly, many buildings are not fit for the needs of modern healthcare and have significant and expensive maintenance requirements. In September 2019, £450m funding was confirmed by the government to progress with this programme; following which a full public consultation process was undertaken in 2020.
6. At the time of the meeting in December 2023 UHL was waiting for the New Hospitals Programme (NHP) to confirm the funding envelope to progress the design of the new buildings. Funding had been received from the NHP to prepare both the Leicester Royal Infirmary and Glenfield Hospital sites for the large-scale building works.
7. UHL agreed to provide a further report on the Future Hospitals Programme for a future meeting of the Committee once there had been any significant

developments. It is intended that this update takes place at the meeting on 27 November 2024.

Recent events

8. The secretariat is aware that the new Labour Government intends to carry out a review into the New Hospital Programme to consider the options for putting the New Hospital Programme onto a “realistic, deliverable and affordable footing.” The review will assess the appropriate schedule for delivery for schemes in the New Hospital Programme in the context of overall constraints to hospital building and wider health infrastructure priorities, while also looking at where improvements can be made. Out of scope will be schemes that have approved full business cases, and any associated phases that have specific commitments. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/new-hospital-programme-review-terms-of-reference/new-hospital-programme-review-terms-of-reference>
9. The UHL schemes relating to Leicester Royal Infirmary and Glenfield Hospital are in scope of the review. It is hoped that UHL will provide further information regarding this at the meeting on 27 November 2024.

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