

# Welcome

## We have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to build a brand new Specialist Emergency Care Hospital in Sutton and we want you to have your say on our early designs!

This first phase of our pre-planning consultation, which will run to Wednesday 30 June, gives local residents and patients a chance to comment on our emerging proposals for your new hospital.



Sketch of the emerging designs of the new hospital\*

This is the first phase of our pre-planning consultation presenting our early designs. We will take your feedback from this consultation on board, before returning with more detailed design proposals for further consultation.

### Who are Epsom and St Helier NHS Trust

Epsom and St Helier University Hospitals NHS Trust offers an extensive range of services, including cancer, pathology surgery and gynaecology to over 490,000 people in south west London and north east Surrey.

The Trust operates two busy general hospitals – Epsom Hospital and St Helier Hospital – and run services from other locations, including the site of the former Sutton Hospital. It is also part of two innovative integrated care partnerships – Sutton Health and Care and Surrey Downs Health and Care.

\*All images are for illustrative purposes and may be subject to change.

# The story so far

Work to secure this once-in-a-lifetime funding for the future of Epsom, Sutton and St Helier hospitals has been going on for years – including extensive engagement programmes and the Improving Healthcare Together public consultation, which have involved tens of thousands of people. All of this background information, and prior consultation materials, are online and remain publicly available at [www.epsom-sthelier.nhs.uk](http://www.epsom-sthelier.nhs.uk) and [www.improvinghealthcaretogether.org.uk](http://www.improvinghealthcaretogether.org.uk).

## Activity to date



### 2015

Epsom and St Helier undertook a comprehensive review of services, resulting in the publication of our long-term estates strategy.



### 2017

We launched a comprehensive engagement programme (known as Epsom and St Helier 2020-2030) and began work on our Outline Business Case.



### January – April 2020

Improving Healthcare Together consultation with the community, stakeholders and our staff on proposals to improve patient care for generations to come, with some changes to hospital services in the area.



### July 2020

Joint decision by NHS Surrey Downs and NHS South West London Clinical Commissioning Group to approve the proposed new Specialist Emergency Care Hospital (SECH) on the Sutton Hospital site.



### November 2020

Decision ratified by the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care.

# The need for a new hospital

There are three main reasons why this investment and improvement is so badly needed.

- **Quality:** Our staff run duplicate services across two sites, which means our workforce is stretched and we need to strengthen staffing. A new, purpose-built hospital will enable us to improve the quality of services we provide to our local communities.
- **Buildings:** Our old buildings, some of which were built before the NHS existed, are not fit for modern healthcare and they hamper the level of care we provide. We therefore need a new facility that is fit for purpose.
- **Finances:** Running those duplicate services is expensive, and we begin each year with a financial deficit because of it.



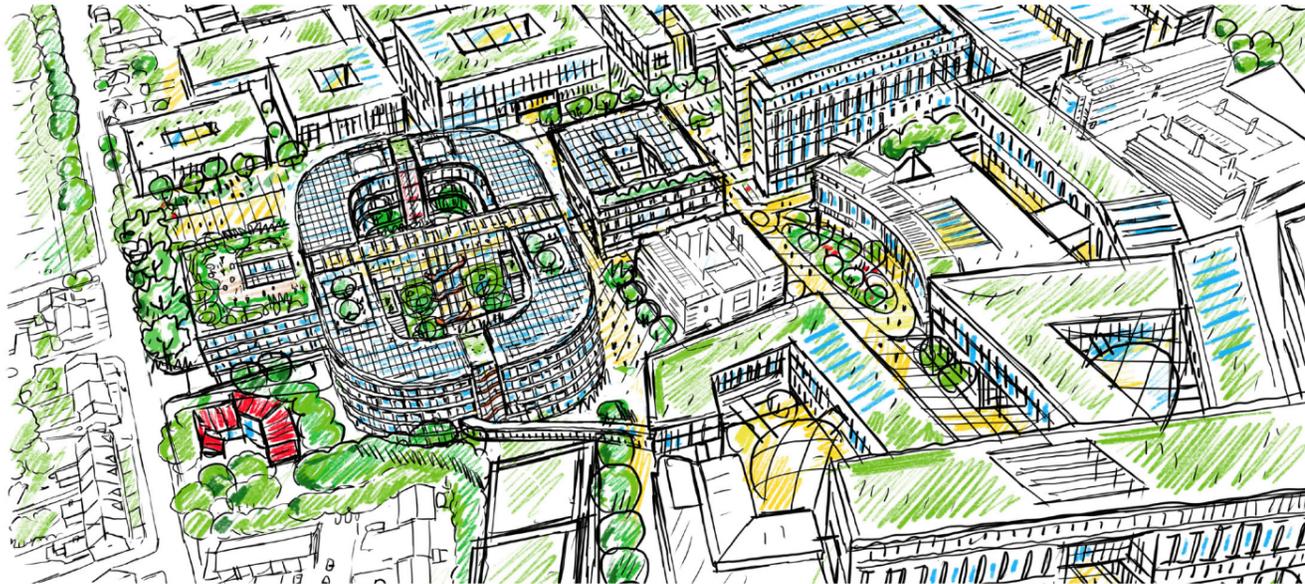
Recent images of Epsom and St Helier hospitals showing the urgent need for investment in our facilities

# Our vision

Our vision is to provide outstanding care, every day. We will achieve this by providing a new model of care where key acute services are brought together onto one site in Sutton in a new high-quality hospital building, with a fantastic environment for patients and their families. This brand new hospital will also mean our expert staff can perform their jobs efficiently and effectively.

The design has evolved through close working with our doctors, nurses and hospital staff, to ensure that the new facilities meet the needs of our patients and communities, and are fit for purpose.

The building has been designed to be flexible to meet the changing health needs of our communities, and learning lessons from the COVID-19 pandemic which has transformed how we work.



Sketch of aerial view of new hospital in context of the future London Cancer Hub

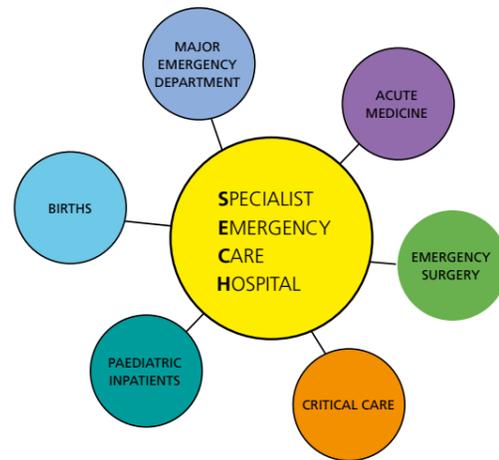
## Bringing key services together

The new Specialist Emergency Care Hospital is where our sickest patients will be cared for. This may be because they have a life-threatening illness or injury, or it could be because they are having complex surgery. It also includes births in hospital, so we have consultants available 24/7 to help if needed. The Specialist Emergency Care Hospital brings together six acute services. This means clinical expertise and experience will be available in one place, every hour of every day.

It is important to remember that 85% of current services will stay at Epsom Hospital and St Helier Hospital. There will be urgent treatment centres open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, at both of these hospitals.

The plans will also see at least £80 million spent across Epsom and St Helier hospitals to invest in essential repairs and refurbishments and enable those hospitals to focus on delivering excellent elective care.

These improvements will include the refurbishment and extension of Langley Wing at Epsom and an additional theatre for the South West London Elective Orthopaedic Centre. We will also be building a new pathology centre and creating a new building for our on-site nursery at St Helier - and much more!



# The site

The site for the new hospital currently contains outdated hospital buildings and a car park.



Map showing the new hospital and multi-storey car park

The location for the new hospital was selected after extensive testing of alternatives, engagement with the London Borough of Sutton, and consultation with staff, patients and the public. Of the three sites considered during the Improving Healthcare Together consultation, the Sutton Hospital site provides the most benefits.

## These benefits include:

- **Location:** The site is central to the catchment we serve.
- **Build programme:** It will be quicker, and with less impact on the quality of care we provide, to build a new hospital at Sutton than it would be to empty either Epsom and St Helier and rebuild those old buildings. We expect the brand new hospital to be open within just four years of construction beginning.
- **At the heart of key health services:** By co-locating with the Royal Marsden, Maggie's Centre and the Oak Cancer Centre (currently under construction), we can share services for the benefit of our patients.

## Public transport

- TfL recently consulted on proposed changes to bus routes, including three new routes, across Sutton and South Croydon. Their intention is make bus travel simpler and more efficient, and to improve access to key locations and developments, including our proposed new hospital and the emerging London Cancer Hub which is co-located on this site.
- If the TfL plans go ahead, they will help to encourage a shift from travel by car to public transport and this will support our efforts to make greener transport more accessible.
- We continue to engage with TfL and the London Borough of Sutton on these matters.
- We are also working with Surrey County Council regarding travel and access and will be introducing new park and ride stops across our sites.

# The new hospital

We are designing a brand-new hospital to improve patient care whilst also providing a more pleasant environment for our patients and staff.

The new hospital will provide more than 500 beds with all emergency care provided on site. The new Specialist Emergency Care Hospital is where our sickest patients will be cared for. The proposed layout has been shaped by discussions with our clinicians and staff. We are building a hospital which meets the needs of both patients and staff and ensures that even better healthcare is provided.

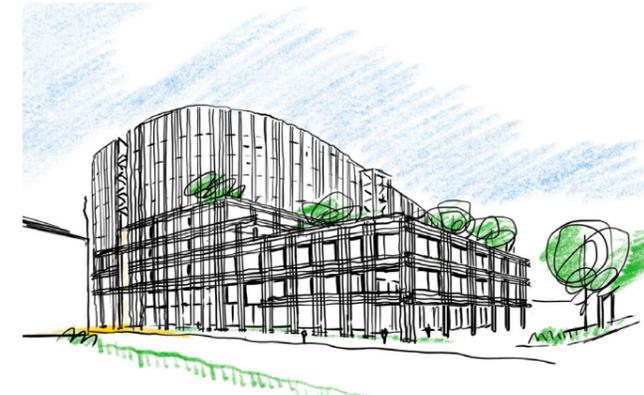


Sketch of the emerging hospital designs

## Design features

- **Respectful of residents and local architecture:** Designed to be sensitive to the local area, the hospital will 'step-down' with the tallest part standing at nine storeys on the north side, reducing to seven storeys at the south to respond to the neighbouring residential properties.
- **Smarter layout for a better patient experience:** We want to create a state-of-the-art hospital building that will allow us to provide outstanding patient care for generations to come. The new layout, with its central entrance and closely connected clinical departments, will enable quicker diagnosis and mean patients spend less time travelling around the hospital and instead receive the care they need in one place.
- **Calming green spaces for a welcoming environment:** The main hospital building is designed with internal courtyards to provide garden views for patients. This softens the building's mass and maximises 360-degree views for patients while the open central courtyard cradles the sun, providing beautiful garden views and safe outdoor spaces for patients, visitors and staff to enjoy.
- **Prioritising single rooms:** Over 70% of the rooms will be single occupancy which helps prevent the spread of infectious diseases like COVID-19 and will provide additional privacy and dignity for patients.

- **Designed to make care easier:** Each room is designed to provide easy access for both staff and patients, with clear views into each of the rooms for staff so they can easily check in on their patients, and windows looking outside to ensure daylight and a pleasant view of the outdoors for patients.
- **A cleaner, greener hospital:** Designed to be net zero carbon, this will be a fully electric hospital. We are also looking at using natural materials such as terracotta and natural brick to increase the sustainability of the build.



View from Cotswold Road looking east



View of the main entrance from the new multi-storey car park



View of the hospital from the centre of the London Cancer Hub masterplan



View looking from the Oak Cancer Centre at the Royal Marsden Hospital



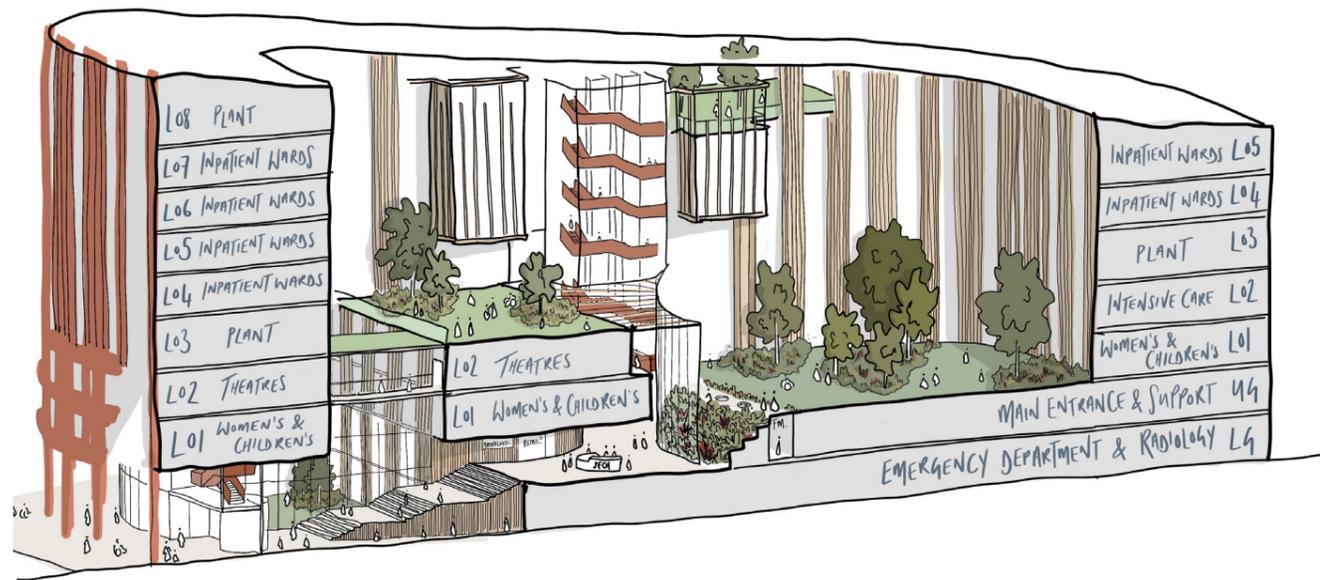
Sketches showing the internal main entrance and concourse area



# A cleaner, greener hospital

This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to deliver a highly sustainable hospital that brings the NHS one step closer to our commitment of achieving net zero carbon by 2050. The hospital is intended to be net zero carbon, which will be achieved through reducing energy consumption and eliminating fossil fuels such as gas.

We asked staff how we can improve their working environment and provide an enjoyable place to work which supports them, fostering their wellbeing and sense of professional pride. In response to their feedback, we have designed the hospital to provide a greener environment with more natural light and green spaces.



Sketch showing the entrance and internal courtyards with proposed floor uses labelled

## To achieve a cleaner, greener hospital, we are working to these core principles:

- **Build less:** We will invest £80 million in transforming the buildings at Epsom and St Helier hospitals, helping us to minimise the amount of new building works.
- **Building green:** Creating a pleasant environment for patients and staff that has minimal impact on our environment.
- **Build clever:** We will use modern methods of construction, which includes constructing and manufacturing as much of the new building as possible off site to minimise disruption. We will also use sustainable materials to reduce carbon emissions.
- **Build efficiently:** Use innovative construction techniques to reduce or eliminate waste.

Our proposals will include an extensive landscaping plan developed by specialists to ensure that we maximise green spaces, creating a calm environment that supports health and wellbeing, and aids recovery for our patients. Landscaping designs are at an early stage and we would welcome your thoughts on what we could provide to make the hospital as peaceful an environment as possible.

# Landscaping plan

- We are committed to doing what we can to **retain as many of the existing trees located on Cotswold Road** as possible, which will act as a visual buffer where the ambulances will access the new hospital.
- **Courtyard gardens and green terraces** will be created to provide patients, visitors and staff with places to relax which can benefit their wellbeing.
- We are also looking into **planting more trees** around the hospital and the new car park buildings to enhance the green buffer.



Initial plan of the proposed landscaping inside and outside the new hospital building

## Sustainability

There will be a number of sustainable elements incorporated as part of the hospital design, including:

- Bicycle and e-bike spaces
- Electric vehicle charging points to encourage sustainable travel
- Provision for more electric vehicles in the future
- Pedestrian and bicycle access routes between the car park and new hospital
- Natural ventilation
- LED lighting with motion sensors
- Fully recyclable materials
- Soft landscaping, such as turf, hedges and shrubs.

As well as this, the whole hospital will be powered by electricity rather than fossil fuels.



An important part of our strategy is to encourage more people to use sustainable transport when they come to work or visit the new hospital such as walking, cycling and public transport. To enable this, we are developing a travel plan, which will be submitted as part of the planning application, outlining a package of measures to promote active travel, with an emphasis on promoting alternatives to driving. This will include, for example, the provision of cycle spaces and potentially a 'cycle hub' at the ground floor of the car park where people can repair or store their bikes.



# Have your say

We are at an early stage of designing our plans and we want to hear your views on these initial designs for the new hospital and car park. This feedback is essential in helping us to shape our proposals.

We will share more detailed designs as they evolve, when you will again have the opportunity to provide your comments and ask any questions, before we submit a planning application to the London Borough of Sutton later this autumn.



Complete and return the [feedback form attached](#).



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Complete the survey at: [esthplanning.co.uk](http://esthplanning.co.uk)



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## Online public webinars:

We are holding a series of public webinars to provide you with the opportunity to meet the project team and ask them any questions you have on the emerging plans. These will be held on Zoom and you can sign up for any of the below sessions via the website at: [www.esthplanning.co.uk](http://www.esthplanning.co.uk)

- **Thu 17 June** – 6pm-7.30pm
- **Sat 19 June** – 10am-11.30am
- **Wed 23 June** – 11:30am-1pm

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