



# Neighbourhood News

A newsletter from The Christie

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## Welcome to Neighbourhood News

Welcome to the second edition of Neighbourhood News produced by The Christie NHS Foundation Trust. This newsletter will keep our neighbours up to date with the latest developments and news from the hospital.

The newsletter is distributed to around 4,000 households and businesses in the local community and is issued every two months.

We hope you find Neighbourhood News informative and helpful.

If you have any feedback or views you would like to share about Neighbourhood News, then please email [communications.team@christie.nhs.uk](mailto:communications.team@christie.nhs.uk)

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## Joseph Holt Brewery donates over £400,000 to kick start Christie's IPU

**Joseph Holt Brewery publicans, employees and customers have raised an incredible £402,000 to kick start the development of the Integrated Procedures Unit (IPU) at The Christie.**

The unit will bring together five patient services under one roof for the first time and will be located adjacent to the Oak Road Treatment Centre and above the main hospital entrance.

By integrating services for our day-patients, we can reduce waiting times, speed up treatment sessions, eliminate transfers between departments and minimise the need for overnight stays.

Construction is due to start in February 2016 and take approximately 15 months to complete. During this time a temporary entrance will be constructed adjacent to the Oak Road Treatment Centre. All signage and wayfinding is to be amended to reflect this change and ensure that all visitors to the hospital are clearly informed on how to navigate the site.

The Christie is aware that this project will increase the amount of construction work being undertaken on Oak Road and has put a number of measures in place to reduce the impact to the local area and its residents.





## News from around The Christie

### Proton beam therapy centre

The Christie proton beam therapy centre is a four storey building being built on Oak Road to provide proton beam therapy, a specialist form of radiotherapy that targets certain cancers very precisely. The first two floors will be dedicated to proton beam therapy and the third and fourth will provide additional clinical space for Christie specialist cancer care.

Foundation works to support the structure of the building, began on August 18th and are due to complete in nine weeks.

The Christie will be one of only two NHS high energy proton beam therapy centres in the UK, with the other located in London. The centre is due to open in 2018.

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### Wilmslow Road cycleway

Work on the Wilmslow Road cycleway is now underway. When complete, this will improve the cycling infrastructure from Didsbury to Manchester. The cycleway will run either side of Wilmslow Road.

The extent of the works will mean that the drop off area outside the Wilmslow Road entrance, which serves both outpatients and The Christie Clinic, will not be available for use whilst work is undertaken. There will also be temporary bus stops located on Wilmslow Road near to the hospital while changes are made to the existing bus stops.

Further details at [www.manchester.gov.uk/info/200024/consultations\\_and\\_surveys/6720/wilmslow\\_road\\_cycleway/4](http://www.manchester.gov.uk/info/200024/consultations_and_surveys/6720/wilmslow_road_cycleway/4)

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### MR development

The Christie has commenced work on constructing a new Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) suite in its Withington site. This development will house two new MRI scanners that are replacing equipment that has reached the end of its useful life and also a new higher powered MRI scanner that will improve and complement the existing imaging capability of the Trust. There will also be improved patient facilities in the creation of new waiting, changing and treatment areas.

### Greater Manchester organisations join forces to save more lives

The Christie is delighted to have been chosen as a project leader for the establishment of a single system provider for Greater Manchester cancer services.

Working in close alliance with partners including Manchester Cancer and Greater Manchester Provider Board (a collaboration of expert clinicians from the 10 acute trusts in Greater Manchester and East Cheshire that provide cancer care), Trafford CCG, Devolution Manchester and Healthier Together, we are aiming to improve clinical outcomes and the patient experience for Greater Manchester by establishing a single cohesive system provider for cancer services.

The new system will not result in more patients attending The Christie, but will significantly improve the patient care pathway. By combining our knowledge, expertise and capabilities, we are confident we can create a cancer network that gives patients earlier diagnosis and reduces the variations in the quality, efficiency and cost of care.

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### Maggie's

The Maggie's at The Christie scheme is currently progressing to plan.

The building once completed will provide free practical, emotional and social support to people with cancer and their families and friends. Help is offered freely to anyone with any type of cancer.

The current completion date is expected to be late February/early March 2016 with the operational opening of the building scheduled for autumn 2016.

# Green travel update

## Walking Workplaces

In July, The Christie took part in a new initiative with Transport for Greater Manchester called Walking Workplaces. The initiative offered staff an opportunity to take part in a lunch time walk led by Kate Dibble, a local ranger at Manchester Guided Tours. Kate provided staff with details of walking routes and a narration on the history of Withington Village.

In addition, Transport for Greater Manchester provided advice on how walking can benefit health and wellbeing.

## Oak Road car park

The Christie staff car park on Oak Road closed in August 2015. The closure of this car park has not affected car parking in the local area as additional spaces have been created on Car Park A off Cotton Lane to accommodate this.

## Park and ride update

Our park and ride scheme continues to offer staff an alternative choice to using cars. We are currently in the process of confirming a second site at Christie Fields off Princess Parkway.

## S106 local parking restrictions

Manchester City Council implemented the local parking restrictions in the roads surrounding The Christie from September 2015.

# Brompton Bicycles – pilot hire scheme

The Christie is taking part in a pilot 'bike for hire' scheme with Brompton Bike Hire, a sister company of Brompton Bicycle. Launched in September and offering staff use of the iconic Brompton folding bike, the pilot will take place over an eight week period.

Currently eight bikes are being used as part of the pilot and are being offered to drivers and staff using train or Metrolink services. As an incentive, any staff parking permit holders who would like to trial a bike for a month will be allowed to freeze their permit fee for the duration of their participation in the trial. The pilot is completely free of charge to any staff member.



# MCRC news

The Manchester Cancer Research Centre (MCRC) has now been handed over to The University of Manchester and the process of fitting out the building is underway.

The building is due to be fully operational towards the end of 2015. Some staff and services, including Christie research staff have moved into the new accommodation.

The MCRC brings world leading scientists together under one roof to boost research and get improved treatments to cancer patients faster.

## Leukaemia gene stops blood cells 'growing up'

Manchester scientists have identified a gene – FOXC1 – that, if switched on, causes more aggressive cancer in a fifth of acute myeloid leukaemia (AML) patients.

Around 2,900 people were diagnosed with AML in the UK in 2011. Of these, around 20% would have had the FOXC1 gene wrongly switched on in their cancer.

This finding helps understand why some cases of AML are more aggressive than others and gives clues for new ways to personalise treatments for certain patients.

## Collaboration to drive real-time data collection in clinical trials

AstraZeneca and The University of Manchester have announced an £11.5m collaboration collecting genetic information to deliver personalised healthcare for cancer patients.

The five-year agreement will see the development of clinical trial software tools to better identify the right cancer treatment for the right patient at the right time. The research will be carried out in partnership with the state-of-the-art clinical trials unit at The Christie, which is at the forefront of experimental cancer medicine in the UK.



## Manchester lung cancer research features at Royal Society

Cutting-edge research from Manchester that could improve treatment for lung cancer patients was showcased this summer at the Royal Society's Summer Science Exhibition in London.

The Manchester exhibit was entitled 'beating cancer' and focussed on circulating tumour cells (cancer cells that have broken off a patient's tumour and are floating in their blood), which could hold the key to better diagnosis and treatment of lung cancer.

Visitors were invited to explore how scientists capture and investigate these CTCs, through an interactive 'hurricane tube' and giant labyrinth game. Researchers from Manchester, and other Cancer Research UK-funded scientists, were on hand to explain and discuss the exhibit and the science behind it.



### Contact us

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