



Neighbourhood News

A newsletter from The Christie

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Welcome to Neighbourhood News

Welcome to the first 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.

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Work starts at UK's first NHS high energy proton beam therapy centre

Two cancer patients were guests of honour at our ground breaking event to mark the start of work at the UK's first NHS high energy proton beam therapy centre here at The Christie.

Lucy Thomas, who is just nine years old from Ramsbottom, and Andrea Seal, are both Christie patients who have received proton beam therapy overseas in the USA. At this event, they officially 'broke the ground' as work started to build the £125m centre on the site of our former young oncology unit. The centre is expected to open in 2018.



Once the site has been completely cleared and prepared, the construction of the new four storey building located on Oak Road – which will include both the proton beam therapy centre and a new outpatients department – will start in August 2015.

The Christie will be one of only two NHS high energy proton beam therapy centres in the UK, with the other located in London. Proton beam therapy is a highly specialised form of radiotherapy treating hard to reach cancers.

Neighbourhood Forum

The Christie Neighbourhood Forum meets on a quarterly basis so the Trust and its residential neighbours can productively discuss car parking issues, planning applications and other matters of mutual interest.

Six local residents are members along with Christie staff. All 12

local councillors for Didsbury East and West, Withington and Old Moat are invited and relevant council officers also attend.

If you have anything to raise for the next meeting on Tuesday 13th October, please email cllr.a.simcock@manchester.gov.uk



Week of events marks opening of state-of-the-art research centre

In June the Manchester Cancer Research Centre partners – The Christie, The University of Manchester and Cancer Research UK – came together to celebrate the completion of the new MCRC building.

The cutting-edge facility, located opposite The Christie and the Cancer Research UK Manchester Institute on Wilmslow Road, is set to pull in more world-class scientists to the city, boosting research and helping to get improved treatments to patients faster.

Director of the Manchester Cancer Research Centre, Professor Nic Jones, said: "I am thrilled to see the building open as it looks absolutely fantastic."

An exclusive preview evening on Monday 15 June offered the chance for major donors and key members of the partner organisations to have a sneak peek inside the laboratories and hear from current MCRC scientists.



The three partners have been working closely together since 2006 and jointly funded the construction of the new facility, which will provide greater opportunities to work collaboratively under the same roof.

Amber Irvine, aged 11, from Ashton-Under-Lyne, was one of three special guests invited to visit on Tuesday 16 June.



Amber was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukaemia (ALL) in 2009. The primary school pupil still needs regular check-ups, but has been clear from cancer for several years now.

Mum Samantha Irvine said: "We are delighted that Amber became so involved with the new research

centre in Manchester. Without research, Amber might not be here today.

"It is amazing to think back to her digging the first piece of earth a few years ago and now this centre has been built which will change so many people's lives."

Throughout the week there were events held for a variety of other groups, including staff from all three partner organisations, fundraisers, schoolchildren and local residents.



Neighbourhood News green travel update

The Trust has a green travel plan which aims to increase travel choice and reduce reliance on driving. And we have been working hard to provide staff with attractive and alternative choices to using the car.

We have now launched a park and ride scheme for our staff. The park and ride car park is based at Broughton Park Rugby club, Houghend Crescent. The drop off and pick up point at The Christie is on the service road that runs between Palatine Road and Wilmslow Road. The stop is at the exit point onto Wilmslow Road from this service road.

Further investment in staff who cycle to work is also underway, with further showers planned and an additional drying room for wet clothes to be located in the hospital. Investigations

to bring communal bike schemes including Brompton Bikes and electric bikes to The Christie, providing our staff with innovative ways for them to travel to and from work are in progress.

We have also been working hard to secure our staff with discounts on public transport and now have discounted rates with Stagecoach, Metrolink and First Bus.

Additional parking permits for car sharers have also been issued to staff ensuring more alternatives to single occupancy vehicles are available.

In order to minimise the impact on our neighbours, visitors to the School of Oncology have now been advised to use the park and ride at East Didsbury and Sale Water Park Metrolink stations and take the Metrolink to West Didsbury, minimising the number of non-patient cars in Christie car parks and surrounding streets.

S106 parking restrictions

Due to further delays from Manchester City Council, The Christie has been informed the earliest the S106 parking restrictions will come into force is the beginning of September 2015. The restrictions will apply from 8am to 8pm.

The local parking restrictions, which affect a number of roads in the surrounding area to The Christie, will be introduced by Manchester City Council as part of a section 106 planning obligation, agreed by the Trust with the Council in order to obtain vital planning permission to expand Christie services. A map of the proposed S106 area can be found on The Christie website.



Delegates attending The Christie

The Christie's School of Oncology has a long-standing reputation of providing world class training facilities for medical professionals from across the North West, the UK and even internationally with lots of visitors passing through its doors.

News from around The Christie



Maggie's Centre

The Christie and Maggie's, the charity that provides free practical, emotional and social support for people with cancer and their family and friends, are continuing to work in partnership to create cancer support of the highest quality for people in the North West.

Construction on Maggie's centre, based on our site in Withington just off Kinnaird Road, began in January 2015 and is expected to receive a total of 60,000 visits a year once fully established. The building has been designed by world-renowned architect, Lord Norman Foster, who was born and grew up in Manchester.

To complement Lord Foster's design, the surrounding gardens have been designed by renowned landscape designer Dan Pearson, combining a rich mix of spaces, from the working glass house and vegetable garden for users to work in the intention is to provide a place for both activity and contemplation.

Improvement in MR facilities

As The Christie strives to continue to be a leader in cancer treatment and diagnostics a new magnetic resonance (MR) facility is being developed within the hospital.

The new facility will provide two 1.5 Tesla scanners replacing two scanners that have come to the end of their useful life and also a new 3 Tesla scanner. MR imaging is a major diagnostic tool in the management of patients with cancer to help diagnose and to determine disease progression and response to treatment. The more powerful magnification captures finer details of the

anatomy enabling clinicians to identify blood supply to tumours and to track tumour shrinkage more accurately than ever before. The facility will be complete by Summer 2016.

Integrated Procedures Unit

The Integrated Procedures Unit (IPU) will bring together five patient services under one roof for the first time.

Planning permission for this new development, which will be located adjacent to the Oak Road Treatment Centre, was approved in June 2015 and construction is due to commence in Autumn 2015.

Car parking

Due to the new developments that are taking place at The Christie, a number of changes have been made to the parking provision that the Trust provides for both patients and staff.

A new patient car park has been created on the site previously occupied by the Golden Lion pub on Wilmslow Road, this car park is called car park D. This new car park provides patients with a safe, secure car park and has also helped to improve the local area by developing a run down site.

To offset the loss of staff car parking that has occurred during development, expansion of the current staff car park alongside Cotton Lane has been undertaken. These new car parking spaces have been created using 'grasscrete', which allows for a grassed surface to grow whilst also providing a suitably robust parking area. This solution was installed in collaboration with Manchester City Council to lessen the environmental impact of creating a parking area.

Changes to deliveries

During construction of our proton beam therapy centre the service road for deliveries that runs behind the Oak Road treatment centre will close.

To avoid disruption a temporary delivery lay-by will be created on the grassed area between the treatment centre and Oak Road.

Once the proton beam therapy centre is operational the area will return to its previous state.

Contact us

For queries about The Christie's developments you can email us on developments@christie.nhs.uk or call **0161 446 3736**