



Neighbourhood News

A newsletter from The Christie

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Welcome to Neighbourhood News

Welcome to the latest 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

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A busy year ahead



Artist impression of the Proton Beam Therapy Centre

The Christie looks forward to a busy year ahead in 2016, with the opening of a new Magnetic Resonance scanning and 3T imaging facility (MRI) within the hospital.

This multi million pound project which started in autumn 2015 is well on track and scheduled for completion in spring 2016.

Work on the Proton Beam Therapy Centre is also progressing with the pouring of the first concrete ground floor slabs in December 2015 and the arrival of the first of two tower cranes to be used on the site. The second tower crane will be erected in January to increase the progress of the project.

Over the next 10 months the concrete for the proton beam buildings will be poured and the structural steel for the main building will be erected, it will be a busy time on site.

We will continue to notify residents of these pours with updates on our website. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and thank residents for their patience.

We are also starting work on our new Integrated Procedures Unit (IPU) in February 2016. More details about this exciting and innovative project are shown overleaf.

Integrated Procedures Unit

In June 2015 Manchester City Council approved planning permission for The Christie to construct a new Integrated Procedures Unit (IPU) at our main Withington site. Enabling works will start in February 2016 with construction starting in March.



The IPU will be a state-of-the-art unit which will allow us to bring five of our day-patient services together under one roof based above the main entrance on Oak Road.

Thousands of existing patients will all receive treatment in one place creating a seamless treatment experience. This will mean shorter waiting times for day-patients who need to see our plastic surgery, endoscopy, radiology, pain management or day case procedures teams.

The IPU will give patients better access to the latest treatments and medical procedures developed at The Christie. The IPU will have longer opening hours, so patients can come either before or after work to suit their personal needs.

By integrating and expanding five treatment services for our day-patients, we can speed up treatment sessions, eliminate transfers between departments and minimise the need for overnight stays. The IPU will not increase activity on the site as it will be for the use of existing patients.

The five day-patient services that will be expanded and brought together under one roof are:

Endoscopy clinic

Patients in this clinic will have their own dedicated waiting area, along with improved facilities to provide them with the privacy they need.

Day-case procedures

With six new rooms, this team can help equip even more patients with the catheters they need for ongoing chemotherapy.

Interventional radiology

The new IPU will double our capacity for image-guided procedures, such as the insertion of stents.

We will also be able to offer less invasive treatments such as tumour embolisation.

Pain control

With its own specialist area, patients can receive their assessment and treatment on the very same day. They will go home pain free within hours of stepping into our new IPU.

Plastic surgery

The IPU's new theatre will bring together a large portion of the plastic surgery department, including dressing and anaesthetic procedures which are an essential part of this vital surgery.

As we prepare for the start of this project some services will need to be relocated temporarily and some disruption to the normal flow of operations may occur. This will be internal changes that will not affect residents. However, our neighbours will start to see hoardings being erected, as the site boundary is established in February 2016.

There will also be changes to the main entrance of the hospital and from March 2016 patients and visitors will be able to access the hospital from Oak Road by a new temporary entrance that is to be located next the Oak Road Treatment Centre.

The current drop off area at the front of the hospital entrance will become part of the construction site and the drop-off point will be relocated to the area currently used for disabled parking. Our parking attendants will be on hand to manage the flow of vehicles arriving in this area to ensure they are quickly directed to where they need to be.

The Christie is aware that this project will increase the amount of construction work being undertaken on Oak Road in 2016, coinciding as it does with the construction of the new Proton Beam Therapy Centre. You will already be aware that Oak Road is now a one way route for traffic to ensure that the road is not blocked.

Both sites will be managed by the same building contractor, Interserve Construction Ltd, a multinational and experienced construction company and a member of the Considerate Constructors Scheme. As such they are committed to taking steps to minimise noise, mess on the roads and footpaths, caring for the environment and keeping people safe.

Working with The Christie, Interserve will provide regular updates at 'drop-in' sessions and through the Neighbourhood Forum which will next meet on 26th January 2016.

Please continue to check 'Our Developments' latest news section at www.christie.nhs.uk for notification of when further drop-in sessions will take place.



Green travel update



New cycle compound

Cycling facilities

A new sheltered compound has been installed onsite to provide secure parking for 20 bicycles. Incorporated into the new compound is a public bicycle pump provided by Transport for Greater Manchester. In addition five bicycle lockers have been installed across the site.

Due to the popularity of this facility, a further 20 space compound is currently being designed and plans are being drawn up for further bicycle storage areas across the hospital site.

Wilmslow Road cycleway

Manchester City Council has informed the Trust that it expects the work on the new cycleway alongside The Christie will be completed in March 2016. Upon completion a promotional event will take place at The Christie to encourage its use by staff.

Park & Ride

Following a pilot Park & Ride scheme for staff at Hough End playing fields, we are aiming to launch a second service from Christie Fields, off Princess Parkway in spring 2016. This service will run longer hours, following feedback from staff. Staff living locally to these Park & Ride sites will also be encouraged to walk to these pick up locations and use the shuttle service, reducing the number of cars parked around The Christie site.

MCRC news

Thank you for your patience during the construction of the Manchester Cancer Research Centre (MCRC). The centre opened in 2015 and continues to make cancer research breakthroughs.

Imaging test detects aggressive cancers

Teams at The Christie, The University of Manchester and The Institute of Cancer Research, London have developed a new imaging test that could enable doctors to identify more dangerous tumours before they spread around the body – and tailor treatment accordingly.

The new study could also lead to more effective radiotherapy planning to boost the doses of X-rays delivered to dangerous, hypoxic areas within tumours, and new ways of monitoring whether radiotherapy or some drugs are working.

Breakthrough for bowel cancer patients

Specialists at The Christie and The University of Manchester have made a breakthrough which will spare patients with cancer of the lower bowel and rectal cancer, from major surgery.

A number of patients with rectal cancer will be able to avoid surgery without their treatment being undermined.

The study was the largest of its type worldwide and involved participation from patients attending hospitals and cancer centres throughout the North West and North Wales.

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