



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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Integrated Procedures Unit construction



In the last edition of this newsletter we focused particularly on our plans for the Integrated Procedures Unit (IPU). Local residents will now see that the hoardings running alongside Oak Road surrounding the proton beam therapy centre, have been extended further towards Wilmslow Road, marking the boundary to the construction site of the IPU.

This followed a month of works to prepare the ground, and also create a new temporary entrance to the hospital and alternative patient drop off area on Oak Road.

We have notified patients of these changes and will have attendants on hand to facilitate and monitor the flow of traffic with patients, visitors, deliveries and construction vehicles accessing the hospital site.

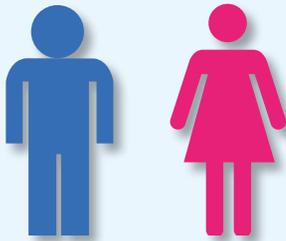
As work progresses we would encourage any residents with any concerns to feed these through the Neighbourhood Forum that will next meet on 22nd March 2016 from 5.30pm – 7pm.

Please continue to check our developments/latest news section on our website for further updates on this scheme.

Supporting the local economy

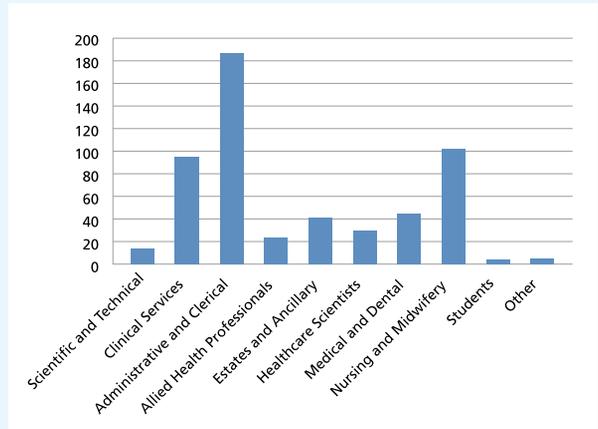
Did you know that **almost half** (47%) of new employees at The Christie have been recruited from the local area in the last 18 months? You can see below the areas in which these 559 members of staff are now working at The Christie.

559 new starters are local



Over the life of the proton beam therapy centre project, **Interserve Construction** will be appointing 100 local companies, employing **3,400**, of which **75%** will be from the local community.

47% of new starters are local



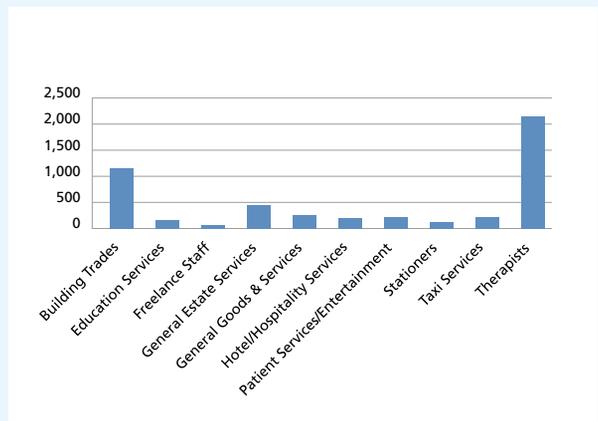
During the same time period, The Christie has spent over **four million pounds** with 135 local suppliers. You can see the breakdown below:

135 businesses and self employed personnel are local



Local companies, **Heyrods Construction** and **Hanson Concrete** have already been appointed for work on the proton beam therapy centre.

£4m spent with local suppliers



MCRC news

Launch of new research café series



World Cancer Day on Thursday 4th February marked the launch of a new Research Café series at the MCRC. These short, informal talks are a great chance for staff, patients and the public to meet cancer researchers and find out more about their work.

Professor Stephen Taylor launched the series with his talk on 'Chromosomes, cancer and the quest for novel chemotherapies'. Stephen spoke about his research into figuring out how some types of chemotherapy drugs stop cancer cells from making more copies of themselves, and how understanding this interaction will help to make more effective treatments for patients. There was a great turn out to hear Stephen speak and his presentation was also featured on That's Manchester TV.

The Research Café series continues with a mid-morning presentation on 28th April, followed by a special talk on 19th May to mark International Clinical Trials Day. All talks are aimed at a general audience and open to the public, taking place in Café VIVO at the MCRC building on Wilmslow Road. Pick up a flyer in the café or keep an eye on the twitter feed @MCRCnews for more details.

Park & Ride

Following a pilot Park & Ride scheme for Christie staff at Hough End playing fields, we are currently developing a second service from Christie Fields, off Princess Parkway.

Due to the delay in planning permission we have not been able to open this service as soon as we would have liked. It is proposed that this service will run for 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. To provide further accessibility we are also considering a Park & Ride option for staff living in East Manchester at a site near Parr's Wood.

Staff parking eligibility

A staff parking eligibility consultation group has developed a policy to issue permits to essential car users and retract parking permits from staff that could use sustainable travel.

The aim is to start implementing the policy from April 2016 and to complete the reassessment of current permit holders by the end of December 2016.

Sustainable Travel Modal shift report

As part of Manchester City Council's agreement with The Christie's Strategic Planning Framework, staff are surveyed annually to report against our targets for using sustainable travel.

The long term aim is for 60% of staff to use sustainable forms of travel by 2030. Results of the 2015 survey will be published in the annual 'Section 106 Modal Shift' report to Manchester City Council in April 2016.

Proton Beam Therapy

The steel structure of the proton beam therapy centre on Oak Road is fast emerging, whilst construction has commenced on the gantry walls.

A gantry can rotate the proton beam 360 degrees around a patient to ensure the best angle can be used for treatment. Three gantries will be used to treat patients when the centre opens in summer 2018.



Artist's impression of the proton beam therapy centre

Work on the area that will house the cyclotron is also underway. This is a piece of equipment that accelerates the protons to the required energy for treating patients. The cyclotron is about the size of an average car but actually weighs more than a jumbo jet.

Residents are once again thanked for their patience as the contractor continues to pour concrete on this site. Some slabs will require smoothing over using motorised floats. This will only take place when the concrete has reached the correct temperature which may be out of normal hours. We will update Our Developments/Latest News section of the website with dates when we expect this work to happen later in the evening.

The structure for the centre's dedicated substation is also complete, ready for Energy North West's installation to begin in late April. We expect the utility companies will need to undertake work on Oak Road in the coming weeks to connect the supplies at the proton beam therapy centre to existing Christie supplies. Residents should be reassured that the road will be resurfaced once the project is complete.

Maggie's at The Christie

This month sees the finishing touches being made to the new Maggie's Centre at the end of Kinnaird Road, off Wilmslow Road. The centre, the first of its kind in the North West has been designed by world-renowned architects, Foster + Partners.

The centre will provide free practical, emotional and social support for anyone living with cancer, as well as their family, friends and carers.

The Maggie's Centre will be run by a team of cancer support specialists and will provide patients with unique psychosocial support, with the aim of transforming the way people live with cancer.

Building works commenced in early February 2015 and the centre is due to open in late April.



Maggie's site at The Christie

Contact us

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