



# 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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## IPU nears completion



### As we approach spring there are only a few weeks of construction left to complete the Integrated Procedures Unit.

The new gold looking cladding will soon weather and match the Oak Road Treatment Centre next door. There is a lot of work progressing inside the building and staff are excited to see their new facilities taking shape. Outside the building the external works are continuing and next month we will be hosting a special tour of the unit for neighbours.

The fitting out of the building is now well underway and the team on site continues to work hard keeping Oak Road clear as they coordinate all deliveries with the proton beam project next door. The patient drop off and disabled parking area continues to operate efficiently and our car park team is keeping traffic in the area flowing well.

*See overleaf for details of a neighbours' tour ...*

MCRC

# Funding boost for cancer research in Manchester

A single Manchester bid has been awarded £28.5m from the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR), bringing lifesaving cancer tests and treatments a step nearer for millions of people.

The Christie has joined with Salford Royal, University Hospital of South Manchester and Central Manchester University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trusts and The University of Manchester to bring together recognised clinical and research expertise from across health and academia.

It will see Manchester granted prestigious NIHR Biomedical Research Centre status, and drive forward pioneering research.

In addition, Cancer Research UK plans to invest around £39 million over the next five years into the Cancer Research UK Manchester Centre, a partnership between Cancer Research UK, The University of Manchester and The Christie.

Professor Nic Jones, director of the Cancer Research UK Manchester Centre, based at The University of Manchester, said: "This funding award is fantastic news for the city and for our centre and we are especially honoured to be selected as a major centre."

## Cross-pennine partnership

Researchers at The Christie will join forces with Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust to improve radiotherapy treatment for patients with lung cancer. New funding has been announced as part of a **£7 million package** from Yorkshire Cancer Research.

The study, funded by a £272,142 investment and led by Professor Corinne Faivre-Finn, Professor Marcel Van Herk and Dr Alan McWilliam from Manchester and Dr Kevin Franks from Leeds, will determine which areas of the heart are most susceptible to damage during radiotherapy.

## MCRC Open Day

The MCRC building will be opening its doors to visitors on **Saturday 1 April**.

Come along between 10am and 2pm to find out more about Manchester's cutting-edge cancer research.

## Research Café

**Don't miss the next edition at Café VIVO at the MCRC!** On Thursday 16 March at 11am hear Professor Bill Newman talk about the 100,000 Genomes Project.



Work continues inside the IPU

## IPU open day

An open afternoon/evening will be held for The Christie's neighbours at the end of March.

Full details will be available at [www.christie.nhs.uk/about-us/our-future/our-developments/our-developments-latest-news/](http://www.christie.nhs.uk/about-us/our-future/our-developments/our-developments-latest-news/) or by calling 0161 446 3840.

## Litter pick

Following the successful litter pick in November, the next litter pick on roads close to The Christie will take place on Thursday 23rd March from 2-4pm and has been extended to include Harcombe Road and Verity Close.

# Proton centre on target

Work on the proton beam therapy centre site is continuing to programme.

A significant concrete pour took place just before Christmas, which allowed time for it to dry out over the holiday period. The concrete pours should be complete by the end of March 2017.

The works inside the proton beam treatment areas are progressing with wiring beginning to be installed in the beamline.

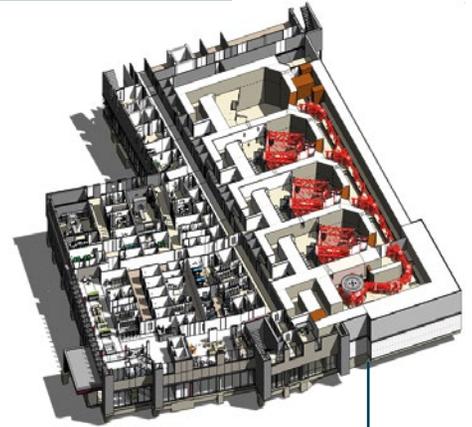
Steelwork is ongoing to the clinical area (by Oak Road) which is enabling the build as a whole to take more shape. The tower crane will be removed by the end of March.

We are now on a six-month countdown to prepare to receive the proton beam equipment so the upcoming period will focus on completing the structural works and proceeding with the internal work so the building is ready for the equipment delivery planned for June 2017.

**Build UK Open Doors** is a chance for the public to see behind the scenes at live construction sites across the country. You can book your place to visit The Christie's proton beam therapy site on **March 29 and 30** here: <http://opendoors.construction/site/460>



The view from roof level showing the completed concrete works to two of the main treatment rooms



The layout of the equipment with the beam being taken from the cyclotron (particle accelerator) to the three treatment rooms. The fourth room funded by The Christie charity will be used for research.



The path that the beamline will take inside the building from the cyclotron to the four gantries (which rotate the beam around the patient to achieve the best angle for treatment).



Views into one of the areas where treatment will take place. The room needs to be big to accommodate the large equipment.



# Green Travel

## Annual travel survey

The annual travel survey to all staff members on the The Christie Withington site has now closed and responses are being analysed.

**The sustainable travel target for 2015 (40%) was exceeded at 43.74%.** The agreed target for 2016 was to reach 44% of staff using sustainable travel. Results will be published in April and made available on the neighbourhood forum page of The Christie website [www.christie.nhs.uk/about-us/our-future/our-developments/neighbourhood-forum/](http://www.christie.nhs.uk/about-us/our-future/our-developments/neighbourhood-forum/)

## Tiered car parking

The trust has allocated two sites to be considered for tiered car parking – on Wilmslow Road and off Cotton Lane. In December the Trust appointed Interserve Construction as principal supply chain partner.

Their planning consultant, Turley, is beginning a process of community involvement. A number of consultation activities and events will take place with relevant community groups including, but not limited to, residents, Withington Civic Society, ward councillors and the Ballbrook Conservation Society.

## Clean City cycle stands

Manchester City Council (MCC) investment in Manchester airport has given MCC a one-off cash boost of over £14m to create a greener, cleaner Manchester.

As part of this around 1,000 new cycle parking spaces will be installed across the city. The Trust has requested to be considered for some of the stands that are available, with the front of the MCRC and the Paterson building proposed as locations.

## New public transport discounts

In the 2015 travel survey, when asked what would persuade staff out of their cars, 19% of staff who responded selected cheaper travel/discount.

The Trust has responded by working with external partners to deliver new public transport discounts:

★ **TfGM offer:** Until end of March 2017 employees who currently drive to work can now benefit from getting a 28-day 'any bus' ticket for half price.

★ **System One:** Corporate agreement made with System One Travel Limited to offer discounted monthly and annual tickets to staff.

## Improved shower and changing complex

As part of ongoing improvements to cycling facilities at the Trust, the cycle hub off the Wilmslow Road cycleway has benefited from a new shower and changing complex which opened in December 2016.

This facility includes five showers, 38 lockers and additional changing areas for cyclists.

A second cycle hub has had the number of lockers increased from six to 28 and also had an additional shower installed taking the total for the hub to seven.

### Contact us

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