



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

Neighbourhood News is available to read online at www.christie.nhs.uk/about-us/our-future/our-developments/neighbourhood-forum/neighbourhood-news

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Celebration of new patient facilities and services



CEO Roger Spencer with Colin Bell (far left), Vincent Kompany (centre), Mike Summerbee (centre right), patient Louise Hassall and charity supporter, Paul Anderson (far right)

An event was held at The Christie on 19th October to celebrate the new facilities and services for patients that recently opened at Oak Road. Manchester City captain Vincent Kompany and City legends Colin Bell and Mike Summerbee attended the celebration and helped to launch a groundbreaking new mobile phone app for patients and visitors to The Christie.

See overleaf for more



Patients, donors and VIP guests are shown the new interventional radiology suite

Oak Road entrance

A brand new entrance beneath the new Integrated Procedures Unit (IPU), providing additional seating and an improved retail experience to patients, their families and visitors opened at the beginning of October.

The new facilities include an M&S 'Food to Go' coffee shop, a WH Smith store and increased seating within the Oak Road main reception area.

Local residents are welcome to use these new retail facilities. Opening times are:

M&S Food to Go

Mon – Fri 7am – 9pm

Sat – Sun 9am – 5pm

WH Smith

Mon – Fri 7am – 6pm

Sat – Sun 10am – 4pm

Work is now complete and all services and amenities are fully open including a new charity centre, relocated information

centre, security facilities within the area, PALS (Patient Advice and Liaison Service) office and Wig Room.



Roger Spencer guides Vincent, Colin and guests through the new Oak Road reception area

The IPU and Oak Road Treatment Centre are fully accessible internally from this area.

The new interventional radiology suite within the IPU, benefits from the latest technology including a state of the art interventional radiology machine that was funded by charitable donations. As part of the celebration event, patients, donors and special VIP guests were given a tour of the new facilities by Chief Executive, Roger Spencer and Dr Jon Bell, consultant in interventional radiology.

Fire update

The Christie is still awaiting publication of the Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service (GMFRS) report into the cause of the fire at the Paterson building on The Christie site in April this year. The fire was confined to the roof and parts of the third floor of the building and none of the laboratories was fire damaged. At the time of the fire, GMFRS carried out an environmental impact assessment which found that the smoke did not contain materials that would be hazardous to people's health. We continue to work closely with our partners to ensure our pioneering cancer research work is maintained.

Proton beam therapy centre update

We are pleased to be able to tell you that all of the large treatment equipment for the proton beam therapy centre has now been installed in the building.

The roof hatches have been closed and we no longer require the crane. This work has been completed one month ahead of programme.

The crane was removed from site on Saturday 16th September. The site hoarding was moved back to its former position and Oak Road has been restored to its original width. We have advised the highways department of the changed position and it will be



Work continues on the proton beam therapy centre

looking to reopen parking along Oak Road on completion of its review.

We would like to extend our sincerest thanks to you all for your continued patience and support for our project. We remain on programme to treat our first patient on the 31st August 2018.

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Car parking at The Christie

Proposals are being developed for the provision of additional tiered parking for staff on Cotton Lane.

A comprehensive engagement strategy has been undertaken which includes the development of a neighbourhood working group and formal public consultation events. This image represents the design that has been chosen in line with our strategic planning framework and following feedback from engagement events. The planning application has been validated and registered by Manchester City Council.

The reference number is: 117847/FO/2017 and all the planning application documents can be viewed online at: <http://pa.manchester.gov.uk/online-applications/>

The Council has indicated that any written consultation response should



An artist's impression of the view from the south east

be received by the extended deadline of midnight on the 30th November 2017. Comments can be submitted in the following ways:

Online - The easiest method to comment is via the **Public Access system**, which will send your comments directly to the relevant officer.

Email - To planning@manchester.gov.uk making sure that you include the application reference number.

By post - Send your comments to: Planning, Growth & Neighbourhoods Directorate, Manchester City Council, PO Box 532, Manchester M60 2LA.



Green Travel

Walking Wednesday Launch

On 6th August, The Christie launched Walking Wednesday, a weekly 30-minute lunchtime walk around the local community for staff.

The aim of the initiative is to allow staff to gain a greater understanding of the surrounding area and its history, as well as to promote the benefits of walking and the sustainable travel options available to staff on their daily commute. Nearby bus and Metrolink stops are pointed out, as are locations of the park and ride facilities.



Staff launch Walking Wednesday

Staff member, Stephen Eccles, has taken part in Walking Wednesday since it was launched. He said: "It's a great opportunity to get active, meet new people from around the Trust and learn about the local area. I hope these walks will encourage other staff members, who are able, to consider leaving their cars at home and walking to work a few days a week."

Walking for Health Every Step Counts



Every Step Counts is a national walking outreach project that has been supporting people in becoming and staying more active.

The Trust has signed up to the programme to both encourage staff to walk as part of the commute and to engage with the local area.

Walking map

The Trust is currently working with Transport for Greater Manchester, with support from the Withington Civic Society to develop a walking map of the local area.

The map will be tailored to show walking routes around The Christie site and direct people to local parks and amenities. The map will also include information on public transport links and areas of historical interest.

The routes will be professionally developed as part of the Every Step Counts programme. The intention is to make the map available to staff, patients and the local community.

For further information about Walking for Health and green travel at The Christie, please contact william.blair@christie.nhs.uk.

Cycling at The Christie



Mat Stephenson

Persuading staff to get on their bikes for their daily commute is at the centre of The Christie's plans to promote sustainable travel to staff.

There are currently 248 bike storage spaces for Christie staff, conveniently situated at six locations around the hospital site.

A new secure compound has been ordered and will be installed near to shower and changing facilities. Showers and lockers are available for cyclists to use throughout the day as many employees work unsociable hours.

Mat Stephenson, practice education manager at The Christie, is a keen cyclist. He bikes to work from Congleton each day. Promoting cycling to fellow staff he said: "All the facilities are in place for cyclists with secure lock-ups and showers. It's healthy and it saves sitting in traffic every day."

Three cycle maintenance points are currently being developed that will include pumps and repair stands. These should all be in place by December 2017. There are also regular free maintenance, servicing and training sessions for Christie employees to help keep their bikes on the road.