

**Minutes of the RSCH Hospital Liaison Group Meeting
Held on Wednesday 14 November 2018 from 7pm
Audrey Emerton Building, Royal Sussex County Hospital**

Present:

Cllr Warren Morgan (Chair)
Jacqueline Nowell (Deputy Chair)
6 local residents

Brighton & Sussex University Hospitals

Anna Barnes, 3Ts Associate Director for Governance
Richard Beard, 3Ts Head of Communications & Engagement
Duncan Bootland, Consultant, Emergency Medicine

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Noel Stockdale, Senior Construction Manager

Apologies:

Duane Passman, Director of 3Ts, (BSUH)
Cllr Gill Mitchell
Cllr Nancy Platts
Steve Moores, Senior Project Manager (Turner & Townsend)
Andy Renaut, Head of Transport Strategy and Projects (Brighton and Hove City Council)

1. Cllr Morgan welcomed everyone to the meeting and recorded apologies.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting (12 September) were amended: Item 6 bullet point: *This meant that the service roads could not yet be open to traffic* to be removed.

3. Trust Development Update

- Richard explained Urology services have now moved up to the Princess Royal Hospital (PRH). As explained at the previous meeting, this new facility brings all the Urology services together at PRH; the purpose built area is next to the Urology inpatient ward and patients attending appointments now have access to the expertise from across the entire Urology team.
- Antenatal services, Early Pregnancy and Ultrasound are now co-located in Sussex House basement in the area which has been vacated by the Urology service.
- This has freed up level 11 in the TKT for an additional 27 beds, which will be used for winter pressures.
- This will make it easier to admit patients being admitted from A&E to be seen by the correct specialist at an earlier stage.

- Richard reported that the Clinical Administration Building (CAB) is nearing completion. The external stairs are currently under construction, as well as some works to the Plant area. Further snagging will then take place prior to completion.
- Richard finished by saying that there were additional works taking place to replace the Trust generators.

4. 3Ts main scheme update

4.1 Noel began by asking if there were any issues of concern:

- Several people had previously mentioned the sound made by the crane alarm during high winds. This is to warn drivers not to operate the crane, and also to warn ground level staff that the crane cannot safely lift materials. Noel explained that these alarms have now been switched off, as they are not needed: he explained that the SMIE system¹ means that the crane arms cannot collide because they have an automatic sensor shut off. Therefore the alarms, whilst possibly useful for ground staff, are not necessary for safety reasons.
- Noel then explained that the plan was to take down crane TC1 at the weekend. However this may be postponed again as high winds are forecast again.
- He added that the issue of high winds has impacted construction progress during the summer/autumn, greater than had been anticipated.
- Noel then outlined that the cladding to the trauma lift was under construction and would be complete by the end of November.
- The DIFF system² is also under construction, which will provide an effective fire-fighting system on the helideck.
- The link between the TKT and the new hospital is now under construction.
- A resident asked when the South Service road would reopen. Noel said that that would not be safe to do so until Stage One is finished, owing to the risks to people whilst construction continues (risk of falling debris, for example).
- The first of the boilers in the Energy Centre is being installed
- Finally Noel mentioned that temporary sheeting will be put up around the building, to prevent the building from being damaged by the elements.

4.2 Questions:

- One local resident asked a question about sub-contractors parking. The company which had been identified was not one of LO'Rs. Richard suggested that this might be a sub-contractor from Kiers.
- There was another question regarding the site flood lights which were on until 11pm at night. Noel thought that it was possible that the clocks had not been put back for the winter, and agreed that lights did not need to be on until 10-11pm. Noel agreed to adjust the timing accordingly.

Action: Noel Stockdale

5. Helideck Update

- ##### **5.1** Duncan explained his role as an A&E consultant, but with a dual role working for Air Ambulance Kent Surrey Sussex (AA, KSS). He gave an update about the progress being made on the helideck in readiness for operations beginning in the Spring of 2019. He described current

¹ <https://www.en.smie.com/anticollision>

² <http://www.firenor.com/product/3/DIFF-Systems>

operations which meant helicopters landed in East Brighton Park, and how the service would soon be able to use the Helideck on TKT instead.

5.2 Local residents asked various questions:

- Will the helicopter land at night?

Duncan answered that this was not currently under consideration, and that road transfers were less problematic at night as traffic was less congested. Night time flights are defined as between 19:00 – 07:00, even though in the summer it is still daylight until later in the evening.

- How many flights a week?

These are currently planned to be up to 4 per week, depending on clinical need. All flights to be agreed with clinicians based at AA (KSS).

- Can the Coastguard land on the Helideck?

Yes exceptionally, if there had been a maritime recovery (but this would be very rare).

- What fire prevention measures would be in place?

Duncan mentioned the DIFF, as discussed in 4.1.

- Would the wind be a problem in Brighton?

Not considered likely as pilots are normally ex services personnel, used to flying in adverse conditions

- Would noise be a problem for staff/patients?

Duncan said that his experience at Kings was that this was not perceived to be a problem.

5.3 Cllr Morgan thanked Duncan for his update.

6. Any Other Business

- 6.1 Parking was raised as an issue on Upper Abbey Road. Cllr Morgan explained there would need to be consultation with local residents before resident parking spaces could be introduced. He explained that B&HCC had a backlog of work in this area and that that Cllr Mitchell may well have this underway already.

Action: Cllr Morgan, Mitchell and Andy Renaut.

- 6.2 There was a discussion about the issues with the deliveries and associated noise via Upper Abbey Road. Richard confirmed that when Stage One was complete, FM, Procurement and deliveries would take place at the East of the site as previously mentioned.

7. Date of the Next Meeting

Cllr Morgan thanked everyone for their updates and local residents for attending. The date of the next meeting will be **Wednesday 9 January** at 7pm (coffee/tea from 6.45pm) in the Audrey Emerton Building.