

Minutes of the Hospital Liaison Group (HLG) meeting held on Thursday 26th March at 6.00pm in the Audrey Emerton Building.

Present

Terece Walters (TW)	Hospital Nurse Director (UHS)
Julian Redpath (JR)	Local Resident
Maryliss Redpath (MR)	Local Resident
Ann Diver (AD)	Local Resident
Peter Kutnick	Local Resident
Mel Vevers	Local Resident
Robert Donaldson (RD)	Local Resident
Liz Cook (LC)	Assistant Capital Project Manager
Elorm Agbenu	Project Support Officer
Mark Strong (MS)	Local Resident
J Baily (JB)	Local Resident
Paul Gillen (PG)	Construction Manager (LOR)
Alick Whitfield	Social Value Manager (LOR)
Michael Prendergast	Local Resident

Apologies

Peter Lane (PL)	Hospital Operations Director
Cllr Mitchie Alexander (MA)	Local Councillor – Chair
Roy Evans (RE)	Director of Capital Development & Property (UHS)
Theo Cronin (TC)	Head of External Affairs
Trevor Fitzgerald (TF)	Director of Facilities & Estates
Mary Finlay	Local Resident
Sarah Booker-Lewis	Democracy Reporter Brighton and Hove News
John Buttery (JB)	Southern Housing
Benjamin D'Montigny (BD)	Bristol Estate Leaseholders and Tenants Association
Cllr Williams (GW)	Local councillor
Jonathan Steele (JS)	Strategic Capital Programme Manager (UHS)

1.	Welcome and Introductions	
	TW opened the meeting and welcomed the attendees.	
2.	Chair's Opening Remarks	

3.	Minutes of the Previous Meeting	
	The Trust provided printed copies of previous minutes and agenda.	

4.	"You Said, We Did"	
	• Misuse of North Service Road as a through-route and drop-off location • Delivery vehicles reversing and idling on Upper Abbey Road before 06:30, causing disturbance • Broken or missing bollard at the end of North Service Road • Ongoing road surface deterioration near drainage points • Patients arriving early unable to locate Theatre Admissions easily • Safety concerns relating to fire escape staircases in the Eye Hospital • We Said / Actions Taken by the Trust • Traffic Management Improvements ○ New signage proposed for North Service Road: □ "Not a through road" □ "No drop-off" ○ Installation action assigned to Terece Walters • Delivery and Access Controls ○ Gate operational on Upper Abbey side ○ Signage confirms no deliveries via Abbey Road ○ Bristol Gate installed and awaiting final IT integration • Repairs and Maintenance ○ Bollard repaired ○ Road defects inspected; repair works planned for April • Patient Experience Improvements ○ Early reception cover not implemented ○ Improved signage installed ○ Seating provided outside Theatre Admissions • Estate and Safety Works ○ Fire escape staircase repairs completed ○ Temporary safety measures implemented for roof handrails pending replacement	
5.	Residents Questions on Hospital Operational Matters	

	Key Themes Raised • Traffic management and vehicle behaviour on hospital roads • Noise and disturbance from early morning deliveries • Wayfinding and patient access Trust Response • Ongoing monitoring of traffic compliance and effectiveness of signage • Review of delivery arrangements following full operation of Bristol Gate • Continued focus on improving patient navigation and accessibility Actions • Monitor impact of traffic management measures • Review operational effectiveness of delivery access controls	
6.	Update on Helipad	

	• Helipad operations continue as part of essential emergency care services Key Points • Helicopter landings are critical for trauma and emergency patient transfers • Activity levels vary depending on clinical demand Resident Considerations • Acknowledgement of noise impact on surrounding community Trust Position • Helipad use remains essential and cannot be restricted where clinically required	
7.	Update on construction of the Sussex Cancer Centre	

	Programme Overview • Enabling works: Completed / undertaken during 2025 • Main construction phase: Scheduled 2026 – 2028 • Planned opening: 2029 Progress Update • Offsite construction activity underway • Project remobilisation in progress • Foundation works scheduled to commence 27 April 2026 Site Activity • Site setup and hoarding works ongoing Summary • Project progressing in line with planned programme	
8.	Residents Questions on 3Ts Stage 2	
	Key Areas of Discussion • Construction-related impacts including: ○ Noise ○ Traffic and logistics ○ Access routes • Project timeline and duration of works Trust Response • Construction timeline outlined, including commencement of foundation works	
	• Assurance provided regarding management of disruption Commitments • Continued engagement with residents through HLG • Ongoing communication regarding construction impacts	
9.	• Any Other Business	
	Capital Projects Update • Acute Medical Unit – Open • RACH X-Ray Replacement – Complete • SPECT CT – Installed • Catering Block Refurbishment – Ongoing • TKT Chiller Works – Scheduled for 12 April	

10.	Date of the Next Meeting	
	The next meeting will be held on 4 th June 2026.	

Meeting First Raised	Action	Owner	Review Date	Status
28 th November 2024	TW to organise with Estates colleagues to repair the signage totem on the corner of Eastern Road and Bristol Gate.	TW	29 th January 2026	CLOSED
05 th June 2025	"Do Not Beep Your Horn" A-boards are not always in place. TW organising for some to be fixed to external walls.	TW	29 th January 2026	CLOSED
31 st July 2025	TW to provide an update regarding previously discussed social value initiative to provide a seating area outside A&E.	TW	26 th of March 2026	OPEN
25 th September 2025	Trust to secure a new councillor to attend the HLG	LC	29 th January 2026	CLOSED
25 th September 2025	Gate to be installed to stop lorries entering the SSR from the west	TW	29 th January 2026	CLOSED
27 th November 2025	Inspection and remediation of bollards and the road surface on North Service Road.	TW	26 th of March 2026	OPEN
27 th November 2025	Enquiries to be made to see if main reception can be manned earlier	TW	26 th of March 2026	OPEN
29 th January 2026	Laing O'Rourke to review and reduce hoarding lighting levels where possible.	LOR	26 th of March 2026	OPEN
29 th January 2026	Address litter on Upper Abbey Road with facilities/cleaning teams	TW	26 th of March 2026	OPEN
29 th January 2026	Arrange installation of clear no through road signage on NSR.	TW	26 th of March 2026	OPEN
29 th January 2026	Request an amendment to Google Maps so NSR is not shown as a through-route.	LC	26 th of March 2026	OPEN
29 th January 2026	Liz to contact the Queen's Park councillor and request increased parking enforcement	LC	26 th of March 2026	OPEN

29 th January 2026	Monthly construction newsletter to be distributed once works commence.	LOR	26 th of March 2026	OPEN
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