

# PATIENT AND COMMUNITY FORUM

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## WELCOME TO OUR FIRST ISSUE

We want to make sure our patients and the community we serve are at the heart of everything we do. To make sure we are doing just that, we have put together this new, regular update that highlights our latest news and also how you can get involved in helping us shape our services.

We have some important plans for the future and we want our community to have a key role in helping us decide what we do next.

In this first issue you will find details about some of the projects we will be working on, as well as upcoming events and meetings you can get involved with.



## BUILDING OUR FUTURE TOGETHER

We want to transform the way our estate supports our services - making sure it is well used to deliver care in an affordable and high quality clinical environment.

Some of our buildings date back to the Victorian era and around a third of our hospital site was built before 1948. The backlog of work needed to bring our existing buildings at our hospital and our 39 community sites up to standard would cost around £23m.

Over the coming months we want to work closely with our forum to discuss and review ideas and plans of how our estate could look in the future.



## WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

We are working closely with neighbouring NHS trusts as part of a new Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP). All trusts in England are being asked to work together to look at how health services are being delivered in their area.

As these plans begin to take shape we would like to share them with our forum so that we can make sure patients across north London get the very best treatment and care.



## INVESTING IN OUR MATERNITY UNIT



We are committed to giving our very youngest patients the best start in life. As part of this commitment we are working to redevelop part of our maternity unit - including building a second theatre.

We are working with national NHS bodies to agree funding and will share more news when plans are confirmed. We will also be launching a fundraising campaign to support this development. To get involved please email, [fundraising.whitthealth@nhs.net](mailto:fundraising.whitthealth@nhs.net)

## EVENTS

Over the coming months we will be putting together a calendar of activities and events to help showcase what we do. As well as a possible Open Day, we are also thinking of producing a series of 'day in the life' sessions about the work of some of our clinical teams. Before we finalise our plans we would like to hear from you about the sort of events you would be interested in coming along to, so do please get in touch with us about your thoughts and ideas.

The next meeting of the forum will be in September and we will send out further details in the coming weeks.

The forum has also agreed some Terms of Reference for the group that will be taken to our Board for approval in September.

*Join us at our  
AGM on  
Wednesday 7  
September  
5.30pm - 6.30pm*



## GET IN TOUCH

We would love to hear what you think of this update, especially what you'd like to see more or less of in the future.

If you have any ideas, comments, suggestions or wider any comments about our services, please get in touch with us at [whh-tr.whittingtonforum@nhs.net](mailto:whh-tr.whittingtonforum@nhs.net)