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Your feedback on new Rhyl community hospital

We're continuing to make progress towards submitting our planning application for the new community hospital in Rhyl. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, the Health Board, Kier Construction and Gilling Dodd Architects have been hard at work continuing to develop plans for the site.

More than 200 people responded to our appeal for feedback on the redevelopment of the Rhyl Alexandra Hospital site.

We've collated all of the feedback received through our survey and comments made on social media, and developed a frequently asked questions document on our website which sums up most of the feedback we've received.

A number of people who had specific queries about the project have also been sent individual responses.

Some of the most common questions were about parking, our plans for the existing buildings on site, and details of services which will be at the new hospital. We've also included some of the most frequently asked questions in this newsletter, covering services at the hospital, parking, and our plans for the existing buildings.



The full FAQ document is available on the Health Board website on the Updates and Developments page.

The next stage of the development is submitting a Full Business Case to Welsh Government. This will outline how we will address all of our statutory requirements as we carefully develop the project.

Our team is continuing to work hard on the project and minimise the risk of delays as a result of COVID-19.

For more information visit:

www.bcuhb.nhs.wales/news/updates-and-developments

Email:

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Some of our most frequently asked questions

What plans are in place to provide adequate parking?

Car parking will be improved by creating a central zone, which will provide much more efficient parking access and improve the overall car park operation. Staff parking to the front of the Royal Alexandra will be retained. Parking will be enhanced by additional bicycle and motorcycle spaces to encourage staff and visitors to take advantage of sustainable modes of travel. We are also looking at options for off site parking provisions during the construction period, to minimise on street parking disruption to local residents in an already congested area.

Will there be the same number of departments and services?

All current services operating within the Royal Alexandra will be relocated into the new building or retained within the existing Royal Alexandra building. We are also planning to consolidate some services from other hospitals in the area and other sites within the new build. This includes an expanded Audiology outpatient service and Community Dental services. New services we will be bringing to the site include

- An inpatient ward
- An IV therapy suite, including some chemotherapy treatment
- A same day service for the treatment of minor injuries and minor ailments.

What will you do about traffic, dust and noise during construction.

Prior to any work commencing on site, our contractor will produce a construction management plan that will address and minimise the concerns raised in relation to disruption, dust and noise. Every effort will be made to ensure minimal disruption to the local area and continued consultation with residents will ensure all concerns are heard and addressed.

We have concerns about the wind turbine detailed on the plan.

Following comments received and further development of the proposals, wind turbines have now been omitted from the scheme. The Health Board will continue to commit to the sustainability objectives through alternative methods such as photovoltaic and air source heat pumps.

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What are the plans for the existing Royal Alexandra Hospital and why not refurbish this building to provide the health services?

With modern advancements in healthcare, the existing Royal Alexandra Hospital is no longer suitable to provide the required clinical environments. We are fully committed to maintaining this building as a support centre, but there is limited scope for development of the site to provide new healthcare services. We are developing refurbishment proposals that will provide new support spaces and offices. Some children's services will be retained within the existing building and these departments will be refurbished to a high quality.

Proposals have been developed in consultation with the local Conservation Officer and CADW. All proposals have been carefully balanced against the quality of the existing buildings and the requirements of the new hospital.

The existing chapel will be retained, with essential maintenance works carried out to ensure its long term future. The original features of the existing Royal Alexandra Hospital will continue to be preserved and protected into the future, including:

- Repair and replacement of the rainwater goods
- Repair and replacement of windows
- Stonework repairs
- Refurbishment of existing stair cores, replacing metal cladding with more traditional materials such as brick and zinc

We have carried out an extensive review of all buildings on site and concluded that the Edith Vizard building does not provide any additional opportunities for the future of healthcare provision. The importance of Edith Vizard's personal contribution will be reflected within the new hospital proposals. The Glan Traeth buildings have been identified for demolition to enable the overall development of the site. Services currently running from these buildings will remain fully operational throughout the construction of the new hospital.

