

Building Berkshire Together



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Thank you for signing up to find out more about **Building Berkshire Together** – our Hospital Redevelopment programme. We are delighted to be one of 48 Trusts across England in the Government’s New Hospital Programme.

Our ‘Vision 2025’ Trust Strategy, our Clinical Services Strategy and all other strategies have been developed in consultation with staff, patients and stakeholders from across Berkshire and continue to be the backbone of the organisation. **Building Berkshire Together** is based on an integrated model with our teams here in the Trust, Healthwatch, Patient Leaders and wider community all contributing to engagement discussions. These are designed to ensure that everyone across all communities can be a part of our redevelopment and can see the role they have played in making it happen and creating the exciting future we plan.

So please get involved. Join a meeting, send us your ideas, and tell us what does or doesn’t work for you. We look forward to hearing from you and progressing this development with you in mind.

The Board - The Royal Berkshire (NHS) Foundation Trust

THE PROCESS

To be able to access the funding required to redevelop our hospital, we must follow three business case stages to show that we have properly considered several options. The three stages are:

1. **The Strategic Outline Case (SOC)** describes why a change is needed, and sets out some options to take forward to the next stage. We have proposed taking three options further out of a possible six – options 4 and 5 are redevelopment on site and option 6 is a new build, off site. Our SOC was submitted in December 2020.
2. **The Outline Business Case (OBC)** will go through an options appraisal process and decide on a preferred option which meets the needs of our population now and in the future, is affordable and delivers value for the tax payer. Planning discussions with the local authority occur at this stage, if required.
3. **The Full Business Case (FBC)** is the final stage, which will provide details on how the new development will be managed and delivered, including running the necessary procurement process.

We have not yet received an indication of likely timeline or a scheduled date for us to submit our Outline Business Case (OBC); however, we continue on the New Hospitals Programme and could commence construction as early as 2025, if the preferred option were to be an onsite redevelopment. Since the submission of our SOC, we have been hard at work with enabling projects in some critical areas such as reviewing our Clinical Services Strategy post pandemic, developing our model for co-production, space planning and optimisation, demolition works, developing our approach to agile working, virtual clinical support and increased use of our other Trust sites. This is creating some additional space on site and enabling us to move some of our teams from the poorest quality accommodation to better accommodation.

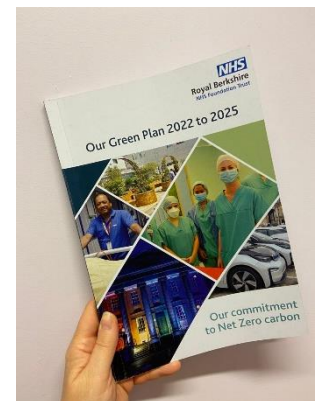
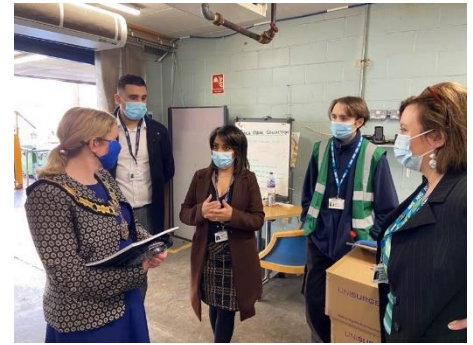
OUR GREEN PLAN

We were delighted to welcome Cllr Rachel Eden, Mayor of Reading, to site on 14th February 2022 to help us to launch our Green Plan for Net Zero Carbon.

The plan covers a number of workstreams such as Medicines, Travel and Transport, Estates, Procurement, Food and Nutrition and enabling remote working. A number of projects have been completed or are underway including a De-steaming of the main Royal Berkshire Hospital site, which involved installing an expanded low temperature hot water (LTHW) solution to improve boiler and heating system efficiency. Benefits realised by this project are estimated at saving 800 tonnes of carbon and 17.9 million litres of water per year.

Another recent project has been the completion of the Staff Cycle Village, which accommodates 100 bikes and includes showers and changing facilities for staff, offering a more active and sustainable travel option than commuting by car.

To read our Green Plan click [here](#)



Commitment to working with our community on reducing our carbon

The Trust has committed to working as closely as possible with our community on reducing our carbon. We have joined Reading Climate Change Partnership Board, and we are leading on the 'Health' Theme. We are also active on the Thames Valley Chamber of Commerce Sustainability Working Group and the Berkshire Net Zero Taskforce.

We have also become a member of Connect Reading and we are already seeing the great benefits of being part of this network. We have been offered 200 desks, which would have otherwise been recycled or sent to landfill. This is allowing us to change the configuration of our desks to allow better use of our onsite space using good quality recycled furniture.

CO-PRODUCTION – what is it and how can you be involved

We have named our programme 'Building Berkshire Together' because we want to redevelop our new hospital with our community. This is about responding to the needs of patients, carers, visitors and staff in the built environment and services we provide, with input from members of the community. We would like to ensure there is a role for everyone. We are already talking with our own Patient Leaders and Healthwatch and we would welcome your input too. You can start to get involved on **Wednesday 18th March from 10.00am – 2.00pm** at the Reading Biscuit Factory. Please email buildingberkshiretogether@royalberkshire.nhs.uk to find out more and to book your place.

We will also be sending out a survey to seek out the many talents in our community who would like to help to shape our plans. If you have any comments, please contact us via our dedicated email address buildingberkshiretogether@royalberkshire.nhs.uk or call us on 0118 322 5360



Feel free to forward this to friends and colleagues too and get them involved in this once in a generation opportunity.

Check out www.buildingberkshiretogether.co.uk which is being updated regularly

ENGAGEMENT EVENTS

We have held a few online engagement events and we heard from a wide range of attendees on the options we have put forward on the Strategic Outline Case to the New Hospitals Programme. We really valued the questions raised and will continue to do these online events every other month to update you and explore different themes. Please do keep sending us your feedback if you have ideas that you think will help our redevelopment.

Come and join us to find out the latest developments and opportunities to be involved. Register your interest and receive the Zoom link via buildingberkshiretogether@royalberkshire.nhs.uk or by calling 0118 322 5360

Monday 9 May 2022 – 7.00 – 8.00pm – “Our Listed Buildings”

Or come along and see us **face to face**...

Friday 25 March - 10.00 – 11.30am “Building Berkshire Together Community Group Engagement” Urban Room, Broad Street Mall, RG1 7QE – a drop in event for community leaders and voluntary sector to come and learn about the options and get involved

Monday 21 March - 6.30 – 8.00pm “Co-producing the Hospital” – drop in event with refreshments at Coley Park Community Centre, RG1 6DW

Wednesday 30 March - 10.00 - 11.00am “Building Berkshire Together Public Engagement” Urban Room, Broad Street Mall, RG1 7QE – drop in event to come and learn about the options and get involved

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An essential part of our delivery is to build a team who have the capability and capacity to deliver the largest redevelopment programme in RBFT’s long history. Our Building Berkshire Together core team work closely with the staff, patients, visitors, experts and local community to ensure the programme meets the needs of the population and delivers on time and within budget.

We are in the process of improving our website and developing a Building Berkshire Together brand. We would be delighted to hear from you if you would like to be part of our efforts to improve our communications.