

Latest news from mental health development in Mount View Street



An update on your project

The Building

Despite the seemingly incessant wet weather, we continue to make good progress on site. We've completed pouring the foundations for the first ward. The steel frame we need to create the ward has now been manufactured - and we plan to start erecting it towards the end of the month. So you will begin to see the new hospital taking shape in the Spring.

Meanwhile, earthworks and work on foundations and drainage are still being carried out. We will also open up other areas of activity which means we will need extra staff. At present, we have about 45 people on site but this will increase to 60 during the next six to eight weeks, rising to 150 at the project's peak.

Bricks for the building are currently being manufactured - and we aim to start working on the façade of the building soon after the frame is up. This will include laying brickwork as well as installing cladding, windows and doors.



Water Mains

South East Water will be carrying out the necessary water mains diversion along Mount View Street for a 12 week period from mid-March. The company will work from the top of the hospital site along Mount View Street and up to Wrestwood Road.

The road will remain open during this period but traffic lights will be in place.

Community

We have produced 'Our hospital, your community', a booklet which will be distributed alongside this update. We will also use it at any events we hold in relation to the new hospital such as careers fairs, school and college visits and awareness activities.

We hope it will give you a useful insight into how Combe Valley Hospital will help support vulnerable people throughout East Sussex.

In February, Year 6 children from nearby Glenleigh Park Primary Academy visited the site. We told them about all the different roles we have working on the project and gave them a close-up view of one of our 360 excavators in action.

The visit was a great success and we hope we met some future construction professionals in the making!

Our next update will be in April.



Site opening hours

08:00 – 18:00 (Monday to Friday)

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