

Combe Valley Hospital Welcomes Spring with Open Doors



Progress

Since our last update, we have fitted and tested the first specialist joinery in the bedrooms, and we've carried out what is called the 'first fix' on Ward 1. This is the vital work that happens after the foundations and roof are in place, but before any plastering takes place, such as the pipe and electrical installations.

Inside, we are finishing partitions and internal blockwork including the lift shaft. Outside, we're completing the brickwork and roofing all over the building as well as installing the final cladding, starting at the southernmost end of the building.

We are also preparing to pull all the electrical distribution cables into the building.

Facts and Figures

We are coming up to quarter of a million man-hours worked on site, with no signs of slowing up. The deliveries of materials will also increase as we reach peak activity.

Community

On Tuesday 18th March we hosted our first Open Doors Event of 2025, where we 'opened our doors' to over 50 pupils from Bexhill Academy and Bexhill College. Our Senior Site Managers provided a tour of the site, and our guests were given the opportunity to speak with members of our leadership team, including Project Director, Rob and Commercial Manager, Adam. One pupil also happened to be our 1000th site visitor!

We have also had visits from senior clinical staff at Sussex Partnership and senior regional delivery advisors from NHS England. These visits help with the mammoth task of ensuring the new hospital is ready to receive patients. We are looking forward to the 4th April, when we welcome a visit from Bexhill and Battle MP, Dr Keiran Mullan.

Kier Staff Change

Senior Project Manager, Ed Dwight will be moving to another part of the Kier business. We thank him for all his hard work over the last couple of years on this development.

Mark Clark will be taking over responsibility for Construction Delivery and the day-to-day running of the site. You can contact him via the contact details on this update.

Mark Clark –

Construction Director



Our next update will be in April 2025

Site opening hours

08:00 – 18:00 (Monday to Friday)

Out of hours contact telephone number

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Keeping you informed

To find out more now, then please check out the Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust website:

[New Mental Health Hospital for Bexhill: Redesigning Inpatient Services: East Sussex \(RIS:ES\) | Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust](#)

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