

STEADY AS SHE GOES AT COMBE VALLEY HOSPITAL



Progress

Work on the Combe Valley Hospital site continued steadily during the past few weeks.

The focus has been on a number of areas including the roof spaces and plant areas, internal mechanical, electrical and plumbing installation, internal building work – and external works, for example cladding and roof finishing in the Village Green.

Other highlights include finalising the specifications for furniture, fixtures and equipment to support timely and accurate procurement when the time is right.

Also, we're waiting to receive the detailed design of the commercial kitchen. This will provide freshly cooked food for patients, something which is proven to aid recovery for those with mental health conditions.

The latest aerial picture (above) shows completion of the roof space as well as solar panels on the roof, highlighting the building's sustainable design throughout.

Operational readiness

In parallel to the building work, we continue to work on plans to make the hospital operationally ready.

For instance, we need to get the wayfinding for the building right so that staff, patients and visitors can navigate their way round easily.

This means we will consider not only areas such as pathways and entrances, but also information for patients and visitors, signs and maps.

All wayfinding features will be incorporated into the building's interior design – and reflect the overall theme of 'The Natural World'.

Here is an example of what an external sign may look like:



Facts and Figures

During the month of July:

- Total accident-free working hours: 13,623 in August 2025, 370,694 in total.
- Average number of workers on site: 125 (115 August 2025).

Site opening hours

08:00 – 18:00 (Monday to Friday)

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