

NEW COMPLETION TIMETABLE FOR COMBE VALLEY



As you may be aware, the new Combe Valley Hospital was scheduled to be handed over to the Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust during the beginning of 2026.

Unfortunately, due to significant challenges faced throughout the project – including exceptional rainfall during critical project stages and a major sub-contractor insolvency – there have been delays to this timeline.

Our expert Kier team has conducted an extensive review of the programme throughout the last two months to confirm a new timetable.

Construction is now planned to be completed towards **the end of September 2026**, with the hospital opening at **the start of December 2026**. This allows the Trust time to make it operationally ready.

These are the most accurate forecasts we can provide at this time but we will keep you updated on all progress through our regular Site Updates which will continue to be distributed monthly.

In the meantime, we will continue to work considerably and minimise any disruption, as they have done throughout the project.

Progress

During the period, behind-the-scenes work continued on:

- the roof space and plant areas
- fitting out what will become occupied areas, and
- completing the energy centre.

Work also focused on finishing external facades and preparing the ward and other garden areas for landscaping (see pictures).



Hospital artwork

The Trust Arts Working Group has now shortlisted four artists to develop and install artwork in the new hospital reception.

The artists will be asked to put forward detailed proposals in the New Year and the successful artists will be chosen shortly afterwards.

Facts, Figures, and Fundraising

During the month of October:

- Number of hours worked was 17,155 (up from September's 16,772).
- Total accident-free working hours: 404,621.
- Average number of workers on site was 143, up from 132 in September.

Site opening hours

08:00 – 18:00 (Monday to Friday)

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