

Latest news from mental health development in Mount View Street



Pictured are Mayor of Bexhill, Cllr Lynn Brailsford, SPFT CEO Dr Jane Padmore and staff breaking the ground at the hospital site.

New building officially named Combe Valley Hospital.

To mark the start of full construction, we held a ground breaking ceremony on site on Tuesday (30 January). SPFT's Chief Executive, Dr Jane Padmore, took this opportunity to announce that Combe Valley would be the name of the new hospital. The name was voted on by SPFT staff, service users and Governors. Representatives from SPFT, Kier Construction, NHS Sussex, Rother District Council attended the event alongside service users and staff from our existing inpatient services in Eastbourne



In other news:

Our site team spent the first week after the Christmas break carrying out a staged 'safe start' back to work to avoid any incidents. Walkways and access around site to cope with the weather conditions are our primary safety focus.

We continue work on the drainage and foundations to Ward Two, and the ground floor slabs to Ward One. This work will be followed by filling over the attenuation tank and creating the substructure to Ward Three.

We also started work on stabilising the saturated subsoils affected by the recent heavy rainfalls.

We plan to start erecting the steel frame superstructure before the end of next month. This means we will be laying the ring road around building and we should soon have cranes on site.

Community

During the month, we hosted two Pre-employability and Skills Workshops at The Pelham.

A member of the public has contacted East Sussex Police's Rural Crime Team about the closure of badger setts necessary to protect wildlife from the building works. We received a visit from officers this month who were able to see certificates from Natural England to show the work has been carried out properly, supervised by an independent ecology team.

Since then, the mesh protection to the closed sett area has been vandalised. This has now been repaired to protect wildlife

Our next update will be in February.



Site opening hours

08:00 – 18:00 (Monday to Friday)

Out of hours contact telephone number

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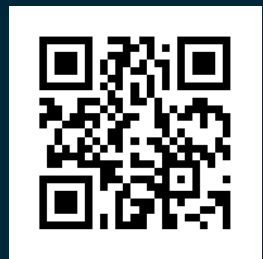
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[New Mental Health Hospital for Bexhill: Redesigning Inpatient Services: East Sussex \(RIS:ES\) | Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust](#)

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