

SPRING IS IN THE AIR!



Progress

The latest review of progress on the site shows that we are still on track to complete the new building towards the end of September 2026.

All floors and ceilings in bedrooms and ensuites have been boarded in Goldfinch Ward for older people and plastering is almost complete.

Installation of sanitaryware has also begun.

Once ceilings in Skylark and Lapwing Wards – as well as the offices on the first floor – have been enclosed, work will start on fitting out these spaces in the coming weeks.

The atrium/reception area has now been fully boarded ready for finishes such as plastering and cladding.

On the technical front, work continues on installing the wiring for items such as fire alarms and access controls. There has been sprinkler testing carried out and all fire shutters have been installed across the site.

External security fencing is being erected on the backs of ward gardens (see pic).



Arts at Combe Valley

During the month, the four artists shortlisted for the commission to create the statement artwork in the new hospital's atrium area visited the site.

The visit gave them their first opportunity to view the space they may have to work in – and enable them to ask questions to inform their creative proposals.

The four artists all live locally and they are now working in their proposals which they will present to the Trust towards the end of April.

Once a final decision has been made, the successful artist will have about six months to produce their artwork.

Pictured below (L-R) are: Marion Brandis, Daniel Locke, Bruce Williams, Jana Nicole and SPFT's Arts Project Manager, Lucy Wells.



Facts and Figures

During the month of February:

- Number of hours worked: **29,640** (27,128 in Jan 2026)
- Total accident-free working hours: **477,850**
- Average number of workers on site was **186** and expected to rise further in the coming weeks.

Site opening hours

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