

COMBE VALLEY – PROGRESS ON ALL FRONTS



Progress

We are another month closer to completing the new Combe Valley Hospital. Workers on site are working longer hours and at weekends to give the construction that extra push as we near completion.

This has meant that we have seen significant improvement in the amount of work completed in Goldfinch, the older people's ward, including laying floors, installing furniture and equipment.

Similar efforts are being made in Lapwing and Skylark, the Wards for Adults, particularly in completing walls and ceilings – as well as the first floor offices and training rooms.

Other highlights include:

- Glazing and cladding of the front entrance is now complete, alongside the installation of all external doors (see pic).
- Western boundary groundworks have been completed in readiness for laying Grasscrete which extends the secondary access track around the building.
- Landscaping and tree planting to meadows and the western boundary is progressing
- Work on creating the entrance to the secondary access in Mount View Street is also complete.

Operational Readiness

In parallel to the construction works, we are ramping up our efforts to make sure the hospital is up and running so we are ready to greet patients in November.

This means we are already delivering to site the furniture, fittings and equipment that need to be installed, eg beds and televisions.

We are also working with suppliers who will be providing all other furniture and equipment such as desks and chairs to make sure they can be delivered as soon as the building is handed over to the Trust.

Artist selected

Our plans to install creative, striking and therapeutic artwork in the new hospital have moved one step closer with the appointment of the artists who will carry out the work.

Initially, we wanted just one artist to create a significant piece of art for the hospital's double-height atrium/reception area.

But such was the calibre of those who put forward their proposals, we eventually decided to appoint two artists, enabling us to extend the artwork into the fabric of the building itself.

The winning artists are Jana Nicole who will be working on the atrium/reception art - and Daniel Locke who will create art throughout the building. Both live locally.

We are aiming to have all the artwork installed by the time our doors open to patients.

Site opening hours

08:00 – 18:00 (Monday to Friday)

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