

Reshaping Health Services in Nottinghamshire Programme and Tomorrow's NUH

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Government's Health Infrastructure Plan (HIP)?

The Government's Health Infrastructure Plan (HIP) sets out a 5-year programme of investment in health infrastructure, including a new hospital building programme. It provides funding to local health systems to invest in their hospital and other healthcare estate.

For more information visit the Government's HIP [page](#).

What is Reshaping Health Services in Nottinghamshire Programme (RHSN)?

The Reshaping Health Services in Nottinghamshire Programme is our local plan to utilise Government funding available to Nottingham and Nottinghamshire through the HIP. It involves all the health and care organisations in our area working together on a plan to re-shape and modernise our hospital facilities so that we can give our patients and staff the NHS estate they deserve – modern, safe and designed to provide the best possible care.

What is Tomorrow's NUH (TNUH)?

Tomorrow's NUH is a central part of our Health Infrastructure Plan, focused on the services and estate of Nottingham University Hospitals (NUH) NHS Trust. It is a programme of work to transform NUH acute hospital facilities and services so that we are better equipped to meet the needs of local people now and in the future.

The programme has six clinical pathways: Emergency Care, Family Care, Elective Care, Cancer Care, Ambulatory Care, and Ancillary Services.

Why do we need to change our hospital services and estate?

We know that to provide the healthcare our patients will need in the future we need to change how we do things. This includes transforming our hospital services so that they provide the best possible care. It also encompasses all other aspects of health and care, of which hospital services are a key part. We know that to provide the best possible care

for people, our hospitals may need to be more specialist with a wider range of services embedded in communities where they are close to people's homes and accessible.

Why can't we invest in the existing buildings and facilities?

We can do this and we will. However, the current NUH hospital infrastructure is not set up to deliver the ambitions we have for hospital services in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire. The two large hospital sites that currently exist were designed at a different time to care for fewer patients with different needs than our patients today. The hospital infrastructure needs improvement and investment to meet the needs of our patients, our staff, and to be able to meet future demands for services including changes in technology. This means some things will need to change.

How will these programmes benefit people in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire?

The NHS in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire has an ambition to transform health and care services so that people living in our area live longer, healthier and happier lives. Transforming our local hospital services and estate will help us realise this ambition. It will give our patients access to the latest facilities and technology. It will help us retain and attract the best clinicians and healthcare workers and will put us at the forefront of research and development, leading to further developments in our services.

What are we talking to local people about?

We are starting to outline our vision for our services set out in six clinical pathways: Emergency Care, Family Care, Elective Care, Cancer Care, Ambulatory Care, and Ancillary Services.

This is very much the start of a conversation – with our staff, with our patients and with the public. We are starting to share our early thinking on what services may look like in each of these areas of healthcare. We are outlining some of these ideas here and will be engaging local people and staff extensively to test out our thinking.

These conversations will help to shape our final proposals for the programme. Once these have been developed, we will undertake a formal public consultation prior to implementing any changes.

What work have we already done?

This programme builds on the work of our Clinical and Community Services Strategy, which set out how our health and care system needs to change to meet the needs of our patients in the future.

You can read more about this strategy [here](#).

The Tomorrow's NUH programme is driving forward work to reshape and modernise our hospital services and facilities. Working with health partners across the system, and led by clinicians across primary and secondary care, we have started to outline what we want the future for each of these six pathways within the hospital to be.

Will we be re-locating services?

Potentially. We are at an early stage of our programme and are starting to sketch out what our future hospital services and estate should look like. Before progressing with our plans, we want to test our early thinking with patients and members of the public. That is why we are launching an extensive programme of engagement.

Some of our early work for specific clinical workstreams has identified that the best way to provide care is on single, integrated sites. Where we currently have services split over several sites this may mean we want to propose changes. These are the things we want to talk to local people and patients about before we set out any concrete proposals for change.

Any proposals for relocating services would be subject to a full public consultation before proceeding.

How do I get involved?

You can visit www.nottsccg.nhs.uk/RHSN for more information and to find out how to get involved.