

Summary

Covid-19 has changed the way health care is delivered but more than ever we need better hospital facilities in West Hertfordshire to provide 21st Century care.

Improvements to our hospital facilities are urgently needed and the Government expects the hospital projects they fund to be up and running by 2025, or soon after. These two reasons are why we are committed to providing better hospital buildings as quickly as we can.

Our immediate priority is to significantly improve our emergency and specialist care services, but our plans will also improve planned medical and surgical services at Hemel Hempstead and St Albans Hospitals.

An independent review in summer 2020 looked at 4 possible new 'greenfield' site options for new hospital facilities; it concluded that they would take longer to get up and running and carry a higher risk of overall failure than the Watford Hospital options.

Because of this we do not believe it would be a good use of resources to consider any of the new site options in more detail.

We have therefore not included any new 'greenfield' site options in our recommended shortlist of options.

Did you read our summary document before completing this questionnaire?

* Mandatory

- Yes
 No

If you said yes, did you find it helpful in understanding the process and next steps?

* Mandatory

- Yes
 No

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Our proposed shortlist of options

We have identified a shortlist of six options for emergency care at Watford General Hospital. The six options include 'business as usual' and 'do minimum' options that have to be included and act as a comparator against which other options are measured. In addition we have identified four options with increasing amounts of investment including two options that allow the vast majority of our services to be accommodated within brand new clinical facilities built on land next to the current hospital.

We have identified a shortlist of three options for planned care at Hemel Hempstead and St. Albans City hospitals (including business as usual and do minimum). All the options retain and improve both hospitals.

We have prioritised improvements to emergency care as being the most urgently needed; we plan to make the case for further investment in planned care services at Hemel Hempstead and St Albans in the future.

Do you agree with our proposed shortlist?

Scale of 1 – 5 (strongly agree, agree, neutral, disagree, strongly disagree)

1 2 3 4 5

Strongly agree Strongly disagree

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Our recommended preferred option

Our preferred option for emergency care is option five - a major new clinical facility to be built on land adjacent to the current Watford General Hospital. This includes land currently owned by the Trust as well as some land currently owned by Watford Borough Council.

In this option all of our key emergency and specialist clinical services would be delivered from brand new, 21st century hospital facilities. The new hospital would be part of the wider Watford Riverwell redevelopment, bringing a range of new local amenities such as green spaces, coffee shops, restaurants and leisure facilities that our patients, visitors and staff will be able to access.

The size of the site at Watford and the opportunity to use neighbouring land as part of the Watford Riverwell development enables new buildings to be created before older buildings are demolished. Great care will be taken to plan the work to reduce disruption to patients, visitors, staff and local people to an absolute minimum.

Our preferred option for planned care is option two - including a new build urgent treatment centre and women's and children's services and new diagnostic facilities on the Hemel Hempstead site and a new rapid access cancer diagnostics centre and improvements to theatres on the St Albans City Hospital site.

Do you agree with our recommended preferred option?

Scale of 1 – 5 (strongly agree, agree, neutral, disagree, strongly disagree)

1 2 3 4 5

Strongly agree Strongly disagree

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We want to understand your views in more detail

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements:

I believe that major new hospital facilities on the current Watford General Hospital and Watford Riverwell site can deliver a really good solution.

Scale of 1 – 5 (strongly agree, agree, neutral, disagree, strongly disagree)

1 2 3 4 5

Strongly agree strongly disagree

It's important to me that new hospital facilities are ready to open as soon as possible.

Scale of 1 – 5 (strongly agree, agree, neutral, disagree, strongly disagree)

1 2 3 4 5

Strongly agree Strongly disagree

Continued below

It would be worth waiting longer (and accepting a degree of risk) for new hospital on a new site

Scale of 1 – 5 (strongly agree, agree, neutral, disagree, strongly disagree)

1 2 3 4 5

Strongly agree Strongly disagree

I am worried about disruption to current services at Watford General Hospital while new facilities are built.

Scale of 1 – 5 (strongly agree, agree, neutral, disagree, strongly disagree)

1 2 3 4 5

Strongly agree Strongly disagree

I am worried about the time it takes to get to Watford General Hospital, particularly by public transport.

Scale of 1 – 5 (strongly agree, agree, neutral, disagree, strongly disagree)

1 2 3 4 5

Strongly agree Strongly disagree

It's important to me that hospital services are delivered in all three towns.

Scale of 1 – 5 (strongly agree, agree, neutral, disagree, strongly disagree)

1 2 3 4 5

Strongly agree Strongly disagree

More about you...

West Hertfordshire Hospitals NHS Trust wants to meet the aims and commitments set out in the Equality Act 2010 to help us to know more about the people responding to our surveys. The information you provide will not identify you as an individual.

Please state your local council

* Mandatory

- Broxbourne Borough Council
- Dacorum Borough Council
- East Herts Council
- Hertsmere Borough Council
- North Hertfordshire District Council
- St Albans City and District Council
- Three Rivers District Council
- Watford Borough Council
- Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council
- London
- Other

Do you work for the NHS?

* Mandatory

- No I do not
 - Doctor
 - Nurse
 - Other clinical
 - Non clinical
 - Prefer not to say
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If you work for the NHS, which organisation do you work for?

* Mandatory

- I do not work for the NHS
- West Hertfordshire Hospitals NHS Trust
- Hertfordshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
- Herts Valleys CCG
- GP Practice
- Central London Community Healthcare
- Hertfordshire Community Trust

Are you a member of our Stakeholder Reference Group?

* Mandatory

Yes

No

Do you consider yourself to have a disability, impairment, health condition, a learning difference or learning disability?

* Mandatory

Yes

No

Prefer not to say

Please indicate your sexual orientation

* Mandatory

Bisexual

Gay Man

Gay Woman/Lesbian

Heterosexual

Other

Prefer not to say

Submit answers anonymously?

First Name

* Mandatory

Last Name

* Mandatory

Email

* Mandatory

More about you...

To ensure that we treat everyone equally. It helps us to know more about the people responding to our surveys. The information you provide will not identify you as an individual.

Your postcode

* Mandatory

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* Mandatory

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* Mandatory

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* Mandatory

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* Mandatory

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