



Project Update

Dartmouth Health & Wellbeing Centre

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Moving forwards to start on site

We have completed our final negotiations on the contract price with the builder and are aiming to start work on site sometime in May. The start date is still contingent on:

- final agreement of the legal documentation relating to the build and the leasing of the building. This is due for completion by the end of April
- final planning permission. This is yet to be received as there are multiple partners involved in the complex (Section 106) planning agreement including South Hams District Council, Devon County Council and the MOD. We are making good progress, but as with any legal documents, it is taking time to get the finer detail right.

Planning for a ground-breaking ceremony

We are very excited about being able to start the building work soon: we know that the Health and Wellbeing Centre has been a long time in the planning stage. As soon as we have a confirmed start date, we will liaise with local people to plan a ground-breaking ceremony. We are currently working closely with the contractor to make final arrangements and place the required sub-contracts so that we are able to commence on site as soon as all the legal documentation is in place.

Meet our new Development Partner: gbpartnerships

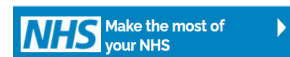
We have a new strategic estates partner, who will be working with us on this project. Gbpartnerships has taken over from Morgan Sindall, bringing extensive experience of working with the NHS. Their portfolio in the South West includes property management services for NHS health and wellbeing centres in Plymouth, including Mount Gould Hospital. Our project team remains the same, so we can be sure of continuity. You can find out more about gbpartnerships at: www.gbpartnerships.co.uk

Completion of planning condition works and legal agreements

During April we are completing our final ground water monitoring and once this is done, it means all the planning condition work has been completed and submitted to the council. We then just need the council to confirm planning permission before we can start work on site. As we progress final legal documentation and design work, we are also finalising the programme for the construction period and will be able to share planned milestone dates in our next newsletter.

Other news

We work in partnership with care homes across Torbay and South Devon, as they provide a vital link between hospital and home, when people no longer need medical care in a hospital but aren't well enough to be discharged home. During the pandemic, we have been offering our care homes additional support to help them manage cases of COVID-19 amongst staff and residents. This is a really good example of partnership working between us, GPs, Devon County Council and the Clinical Commissioning Group, to help keep care homes running safely.



Looking Forward to May

- Confirmation of planning approval to start work
 - Ground-breaking ceremony
 - Construction timeline finalised

