

Project News

DARTMOUTH HEALTH & WELLBEING CENTRE

Working with you, for you.

BUILDING A BRIGHTER FUTURE

Progress since last update:

There's real progress on site now and the outline of the building is clearly visible, with the foundation works completed and the perimeter wall in place. The radon protection barrier has been fitted, along with under-floor insulation in readiness for ground floor concrete slab to be poured.

We have also taken delivery of a significant amount of building material so that we can start on the block work as soon as the slab floor has been cast. This means that over the next month we will be building the ground floor walls.



Significant news / updates:

The water is due to be connected between 27 September and 8 October. This may cause some traffic disruption for a few days on the A3122 and traffic management measures will be in place – likely to be temporary traffic lights. South West Water will also keep local businesses and residents informed,

Once the water is connected, we will schedule in drainage connections. Work on this is likely to be in late September or October, dates will be finalised as soon as we can. This work will lead to some parking spaces at the park and ride being unavailable for about a week, so we have deliberately planned it to take place outside the summer holidays.

What is next?

The substructure (foundations and ground floor concrete slab) should be complete early September. Once the building work starts to come out of the ground, you will start to see scaffolding go up, so that we can build the walls up to roof height.



Health and care services

Planning for the future of the former Dartmouth & Kingswear Hospital site

Part of the funding for the new Health and Wellbeing Centre is earmarked to come from the sale or development of the former hospital site in Dartmouth. Our Trust board is committed to pursuing a 'best value' option, so that there is benefit for the local community and Dartmouth Town Council (DTC) is keen to develop a community bid for the site. This is our preferred way forward, and we have started discussing options with representatives of local groups. We are planning to work with Healthwatch and DTC to seek people's views more widely in the coming weeks and months.

Introducing Emily West

Hello everyone, I am Emily West. On 16 August, I took over from Natalie Keens as the permanent Community Services Manager (CSM) for Moor to Sea, which includes Dartmouth.

I am a social worker by background, originally London-based working mainly in adult statutory social work, including for example safeguarding, mental health, physical disabilities, asylum seekers and learning disabilities.

I relocated to Devon, with my family a little over 14 years ago. Since that time, I have worked in Torbay, primarily within advanced/ leadership for social work. More recently, I have worked in developmental project work, focusing on improvements in delivery and access to health and social care in partnership with our communities.



I have spent the last two years as Deputy CSM for Paignton and Brixham. I am hopeful my experience will place me in good stead for my new role as CSM and equally recognise there will be lots of learning too!

I look forward to developing links within Devon and I am particularly keen to explore more creative engagement with partners and communities to improve and influence the way our different communities access health and social care services. I look forward to meeting some of you in the coming weeks and months. Please feel free to get in touch! emily.west@nhs.net