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All systems go at Gosport War Memorial Hospital

The remodelling work at Gosport War Memorial Hospital (GWMH) is proceeding on budget and on time.

The building will be ready to take increased outpatient services from February 2009 and services will be fully operational by July 2009.

Planning approval for an additional X-ray room and a new lobby for the Minor Injury Unit (MIU) was also awarded by Gosport Borough Council's Regulatory Committee on October 7, 2008. This work is scheduled for completion by January 19, 2009.

The decision for a GP surgery has been delayed by the Regulatory Committee to allow a site visit to be carried out prior to making a final decision in November.

These plans are in connection with the remodelling of the Health Centre and part of the ground floor of the hospital. This area will now accommodate the Endoscopy Department, additional outpatient rooms and a Minor Injuries Unit (MIU).



Services will transfer from the Royal Hospital Haslar during the first half of 2009. The first floor will house Community Services including Podiatry and Dentistry.

As the remodelling work is expected to finish in January 2009, the Community Health Services will transfer back to GWMH, from their temporary bases shortly afterwards.

The Physiotherapy teams and the majority of the Occupational Therapy teams have already moved in and the Stroke and General Rehabilitation wards have moved back to Ark Royal and Collingwood wards at GWMH from Haslar.



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Stepping up local care

The hospital has successfully piloted a new approach to patient care on Sultan Ward, which predominantly treats elderly, vulnerable patients. Local people needing hospital attention can be admitted straight to the 20 bed ward rather than have to go to Queen Alexandra first. This 'step up' service allows rapid access to hospital care close to home with the support of specialist nurses.

"The success of the Sultan Ward is good news for the hospital and the local community," said Elizabeth Emms, Head of Adult Services in South East Hampshire.

Gosport War Memorial Hospital's Sultan Ward is the only ward of its kind in Hampshire and is run by nurses who have received additional training to enhance their skills. They are therefore able to care for more acutely ill patients. This means that Sultan Ward is able to take care of more patients locally and has reduced the number of admissions to larger local hospitals.

A brand new facility for Fareham

Fareham Borough Council granted planning approval on October 1, 2008 for Hampshire Primary Care Trust to begin work on a state-of-the-art Community Hospital on the Coldeast site in Fareham.

The Hospital will be a brand new facility for the local community and will accommodate existing services from sites in Fareham and Gosport. It will also relocate some services from Portsmouth's Queen Alexandra Hospital into a community care/outpatient setting.

Inger Hebden, Director of Capital Planning, Hampshire Primary Care Trust said: "I am delighted to be able to progress the new facility for Fareham as it will mean many people who have travelled outside Fareham to hospital will now be able to access those services locally."

Fareham Community Hospital will bring together a range of healthcare professionals such as GPs, Speech and Language Therapists, Community Midwives and Outpatient Nurses. It will serve a catchment area with a population of around 109,000 across the borough of Fareham.

Work on the Coldeast site will commence early in 2009 with completion of the new community hospital by December 2010.



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More about Fareham's new facility

Fareham Community Hospital will have its own Outpatients Department for local health services including: child health, contraception and sexual health, dermatology, ENT, general surgery, gynaecology, maternity, neurology, ophthalmology, orthopaedics, phlebotomy and podiatry.

It will also bring together a number of services which are currently spread across several existing buildings:

- Assessment, Treatment and Rehabilitation Centre (ATRC) - a multi-disciplinary rapid assessment centre for older patients referred by a GP or community matron
- A Therapy Department which provides a clinical outpatient area for therapy services including physiotherapy, speech and language therapy and occupational therapy
- Diagnostic imaging including X-ray, digital imaging and ultrasound
- Older people's mental health outpatients

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Fareham Community Hospital Architect Plans - courtesy of Broadway Malyan

Better access to blood tests

Blood taking (sometimes called phlebotomy) will soon be available in the Gosport and Fareham area through GP practices. Patients will be given appointments at local surgeries and will not need to travel to Queen Alexandra Hospital.

There will also be a new service at the Fareham Community Hospital, so patients can choose to go there.

The PCT is currently trialling this approach and it has been very popular with the patients and GPs involved.