

# St Bernard's redevelopment



A scale model of the MSU that will be built on the St Bernard's site

## Latest News

Patients, services and staff have all settled well into the new Wolsey Wing, based at St Bernard's Hospital. Formerly B Block, the building recently underwent a £3million refurbishment, resulting in four bright airy wards, pleasant living areas for local services patients as well as ample office space for a range of clinical services. This is just one of the many projects we're carrying out to ensure we're maximising the use of this site and getting the most out of our finances. We also want to make sure all our patients are treated in modern, appropriate and comfortable surroundings which support the care our staff provides and the high quality mental health treatments available here.

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## Where is the St Bernard's site?

The St Bernard's site is based in Southall in west London, next door to Ealing Hospital. It's currently home to our medium and low secure forensic services, as well as inpatient wards for the London Borough of Ealing and a number of other community based services. The Trust's headquarters is also based on this site.

## **What's happening?**

Over the next few years, the St Bernard's Hospital site will undergo a major redevelopment. This will result in modern, well constructed buildings, designed to support the high quality care we provide today, with the flexibility to meet the needs of our patients and services in the future.

You can see the proposed site plans [here](#).

In addition, we will be stepping up the transformation work we began a few years ago. To help us achieve this, we'll be looking at the way local services are currently provided and seeing what alterations can be made to ensure these are being provided in the best way possible, as well as assessing what patient improvements we can introduce to make the best use of our resources.

You can find out all the latest details about this project from our [Local Services News](#).

## **Why are you redeveloping the site?**

As well as our drive to continuously improve the services we offer, one of the main reasons for the proposed redevelopment of St Bernard's is to upgrade the sites infrastructure. This will allow us to respond to concerns raised by our [commissioners](#) and move all medium secure patients out of the Tony Hillis Wing by 2015.

## **What's happened so far?**

The Trust is looking at various redevelopment projects at St Bernard's which will improve the site. So far, most of our progress has been made plans to construct to a new medium secure unit (MSU).

In April 2012, the Chief Executive's report announced that the Trust Board had agreed to the construction of an 80 bed medium secure unit (MSU) on the existing John Conolly Wing site – as its preference for the redevelopment of the St Bernard's site.

This proposal was put forward in our Outline Business Case, which was approved by NHS London, our strategic health partners, in August 2012. This document is now with the Department of Health and explains the rationale behind the project, its timescales and implementation.

November 2012 saw the Trust Board approve the Full Business Case for this project, which was immediately submitted to NHS London. Following their approval the FBC will go straight to the DH, who we hope will announce their decision by the end of April 2013.

In preparation for construction of the new building, the Trust began looking at and preparing alternative accommodation for the patients and services that were located in the JCW. This has included upgrading Glynn Ward (now Jubilee ward) to accommodate older people's services, embarking on a £3 million refurbishment of B Block (now Wolsey Wing) for local services and moving the Psychiatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) to Hammersmith, amongst other relocation's.

Throughout the next year, there will also be a number of additional moves to get the site ready for the wider

redevelopment of St Bernard's. This will allow us to make better use of NHS resources, whilst creating more space for clinical services.

## What's happening next?

The refurbishment of B Block was completed in April 2013 and received staff and patients from early May. At the same time, some of our [rehabilitation](#) services, such as picture framing, the print shop and the Recovery Hub moved to commercial premises in west Ealing. Moving [rehabilitation](#) services off site means [service users](#) gain real life work experience, such as dealing with the public and working with customers. Towards the end of 2013, the Trust will transfer its entire corporate staff off of the St Bernard's site to Armstrong Way, in Southall.

Our redevelopment team also continues to work closely with service leads, staff and patients to identify suitable, alternative accommodation for other local services and those currently located in buildings at the front of the site, earmarked for sale to raise vital funding for future site redevelopment. This exercise will shortly be completed and later this year we will be moving onto the second phase of the St Bernard's redevelopment, which will include land sales.

## How can I find out more or get involved?

The redevelopment of St Bernard's will see the biggest improvements in mental health services on the Ealing site for a number of years. So, it's important that everyone has the chance to have their say and tell us how they think we can make our services better for the local community. As well as attending our open days and other community events around the borough, you can send us your views or join our mailing list by emailing us at the address below:

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