THE CHANGING FACE OF QEH

OUR ROADMAP FOR MODERNISING OUR HOSPITAL 2022/23

AUGUST 2022

We are changing the face of QEH and modernising our hospital. We are maximising safety by installing failsafes in RAAC (Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete) areas, while at the same time making significant improvements to benefit patients, their families and staff.

This roadmap for the coming months has been designed to keep you informed of developments and will be updated regularly. **Please note this is a moment in time and the programme is subject to change.**

BUILDING OUR FUTURE THE BEST IS YET TO COME

2022

AUGUST

Castleacre and Windsor Wards failsafes installed (planned completion November 2022 - TBC)

Changing rooms refurbishment begins (planned completion October 2022)

SEPTEMBER

New Endoscopy Unit opens to patients - freeing up decant space to failsafe our operating theatres

Decant Spencer Suite and Mountbatten area before redecoration (planned completion December 2022)

SDEC (Same Day Emergency Care) expansion begins (planned completion January 2023)

Operating theatres failsafes installed - this worked has been accelerated (planned completion April 2023)

OCTOBER

Refurbished staff changing rooms open, including updated facilities and showers

Medical Records relocate from the Inspire Centre to the office behind the post room (the Inspire Centre is affected by RAAC and will therefore be demolished by year-end).

NOVEMBER

RAAC wall protection works commence

Modular unit delivered - to be used as administrative decant space

Start failsafes in approach corridors to Castleacre and Windsor Wards and administrative areas

Critical Care Unit cooling system installed - maintaining the correct temperature for vulnerable patients (planned completion January 2023)

DECEMBER

Emergency Department expansion - which will see a new ambulance offload area created (planned completion March 2023)

Two new MRI scanners within Radiology installed (planned completion February 2023)

Ventilation system installed in Ear, Nose and Throat clinic rooms for aerosol generating procedures

Vaccination Centre and nursery relocated onsite to allow Inspire Centre decant

2023

JANUARY

Elm and Denver Wards, approach corridor and administrative areas failsafes installed (planned completion April 2023 - TBC)

Inspire Centre demolition starts - as it is a RAAC building (planned completion February 2023)

FEBRUARY

Intensive Care Unit remaining failsafes installed (planned completion April 2023)

MARCH

Former endoscopy area failsafes installed - this will allow the area to be used as a decant for recovery/changing as required

Construction begins on new Diagnostic and Assessment Centre

APRIL

Failsafes installed in the Estates block

Feltwell and Gayton Ward failsafes commence

MAY ONWARDS EXACT DATES TBC

Please note: dates may have some slippage due to widespread supply issues in the construction industry - we will keep you updated regularly as these projects progress. The programme will therefore remain under review and where there are changes we will ensure these are communicated in a timely way to staff.