



Gloucestershire Hospitals
NHS Foundation Trust



Building the future at our hospitals

We're investing £101m in our hospitals to deliver the next generation of care for our patients. This leaflet tells you what's happening when, why and who to contact for more information.

For more information on the changes that we are making to our hospitals, please visit:

www.gloshospitals.nhs.uk/changes-to-our-hospitals



We want to establish centres of excellence across a range of specialities at our hospitals. We are inspired by the success of our cancer services at Cheltenham, which has a renowned reputation locally, regionally and nationally, and we want to replicate that success across other specialties.

To date, the hospitals two sites have sometimes been seen as a problem but the Trust believes they present us with a huge opportunity to develop our vision of centres of excellence providing outstanding specialist care where more patients can be treated, waiting times are lower, patient experience is improved and patient outcomes are amongst the best.

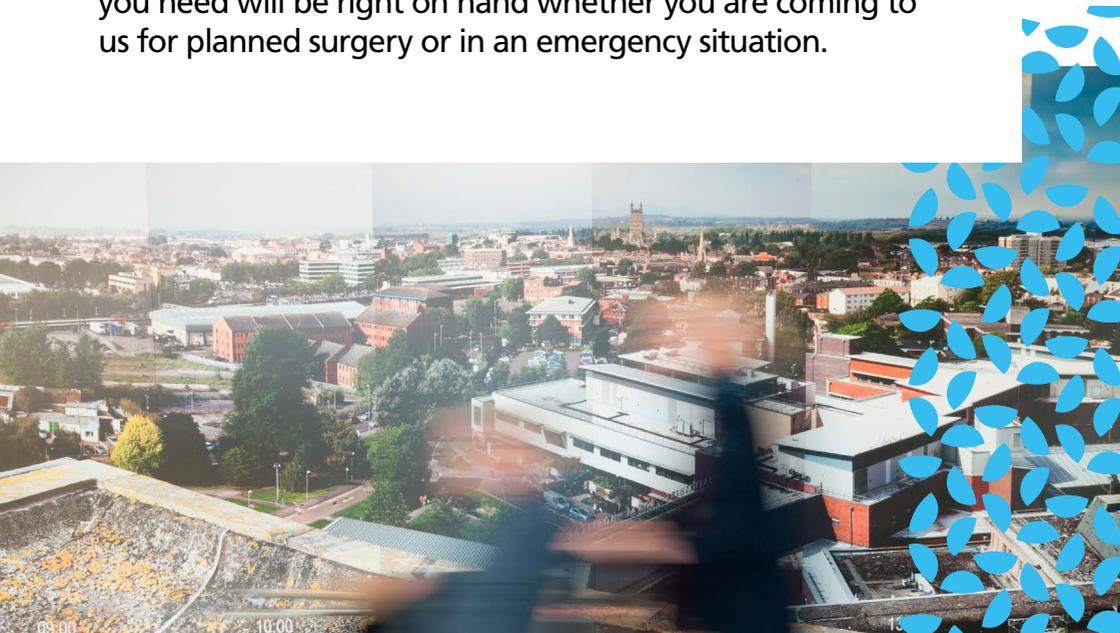
Imagine a single, ground-breaking specialist hospital for Gloucestershire operating out of two campuses: one in Cheltenham and one in Gloucester.

Imagine knowing that all of the specialist care and expertise you need will be right on hand whether you are coming to us for planned surgery or in an emergency situation.

We want to develop Cheltenham General Hospital as a thriving centre of excellence, specialising more in innovative, effective and efficient planned care. Cheltenham A&E remains open as part of this vision.



On the Gloucestershire Royal site we want to create a centre of excellence specialising more on service innovation in emergency care.



Delivering the next generation of care at our hospitals

We are investing £101m over the coming two years (2021/23) on modernising buildings, transforming services and providing better patient care at Cheltenham General and Gloucestershire Royal Hospitals in line with our vision of establishing centres of excellence for emergency and planned care.

The cash injection will be used to construct new buildings, provide cutting edge technology, develop pioneering clinical practice, digital transformation and green initiatives.

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The investment will provide the next generation of care for the county's patients and will:

- ✓ Improve patients' outcomes
- ✓ Help reduce waiting times
- ✓ Ensure fewer operations are cancelled
- ✓ Enable more patients to receive the right care at the right time in the right place
- ✓ Enhance safe staffing levels
- ✓ Attract and retain the very best staff.



Cheltenham General Hospital: We are building two new theatres to treat up to 3,000 more patients a year. We're also building a Day Surgery Unit



Gloucestershire Royal Hospital: We are increasing the floor space of A&E by 58% in response to increased demand

Improvements at Cheltenham General Hospital

We are investing **£36.25m** on:

Two new operating theatres: Providing capacity to treat an additional 3,000 patients a year, and a new purpose-built Day Surgery Unit, enabling a greater number of day case operations.

Cost: £14.5m

Start date:
Summer 2021

Completion:
Spring 2023

Funding source: NHS England and the Department of Health and Social Care

Cheltenham Radiology Department: Will be transformed meaning emergency patients accessing the town's A&E will benefit from faster, more accurate and better diagnostic tests such as X-rays and MRI scans.

Cost: £6m

Start date:
Winter 2021

Completion:
Autumn 2021

Funding source: NHS England and Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Image Guided Interventional Surgery Spoke: A new Interventional Radiology room to provide specialist support to Urology and Oncology services.

Cost: £0.5m

Start date:
Winter 2021

Completion:
Autumn 2021

Funding source: NHS England and Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Cheltenham Radiotherapy Department/Oncology Centre: A new CT scanner and greatly improved patient facilities further enhancing the Oncology Department's outstanding reputation.

Cost: £1.0m

Start date:
Spring 2021

Completion:
Spring 2021

Funding source: NHS England and Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Green initiatives across both sites: We are adopting some of the latest technology to help deliver a Net Zero NHS by 2040/45. The steps we are taking at our hospitals, which include radically changing our electrical and heating systems, new LED lighting and the installation of heat pumps, will help us achieve a 51% carbon reduction by 2027 with plans to go further. Many of these technologies also save on running costs. For example our combined heat and power engines now save us £1.1m a year.

Cost: £6.85m

Start date:
Summer 2021

Completion:
Spring 2022

Funding source: Government via the Public Sector Decarbonisation Fund

Digital rollout: This programme involves the rollout of digital technology aimed at making patient information quick and easy to access. In turn this will support accurate and informed decision making about the care we provide.

Cost: £7.4m

Start date:
2021

Completion:
2022

Funding source: Government funding including NHSX Digital Aspirant

Improvements at Gloucestershire Royal Hospital

We are investing **£64.75m** on:

Significant extension of the A&E department: We are increasing the floor size of our A&E department by 58% to help us better manage the number of patients we see each day. We're also enhancing adjoining services including the extension of our Acute Medical Assessment Unit to provide an additional 17 beds. A new 24 bedded ward will be created in Gallery Wing. Finally, we're improving mental health provision at A&E.

Cost: £30m

Start date:
Summer 2021

Completion:
Summer 2023

Funding source: NHS England and the Department of Health and Social Care

Image Guided Interventional Surgery Hub (IGIS): Surgeons using instruments with live images to guide procedures. IGIS comprises interventional radiology, interventional cardiology and vascular surgery. Performing 'keyhole' surgery in this way is less invasive and means patients recover quicker and go home sooner. Procedures such as these are usually associated with big metropolitan hospitals in Birmingham or Bristol.

Cost: £13m

Start date:
2021

Completion:
2022

Funding source: Gloucestershire NHS Foundation Trust

Hybrid vascular theatre: The new state-of-the-art theatre will ensure surgeons can perform key hole-like procedures as well as switch to more traditional open surgery if complications arise.

Cost: £3.0m

Start date:
2022

Completion:
2022/23

Funding source: Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Surgical Assessment Unit: A new assessment unit opposite A&E will help support closer working. There will also be a new office and teaching facilities.

Cost: £2.0m

Start date:
2021

Completion:
2022

Funding source: Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and NHSE

Surgical robot: Gloucestershire Royal Hospital has become the first NHS hospital to start using the CMR Versius robot for an upper GI programme; this will soon broaden into a multi-specialty programme including colorectal surgery and ear, nose and throat. Adopting the latest technology such as Versius is part of our centres of excellence vision and will enable many more patients to benefit from minimally-invasive surgery which results in less pain, shorter hospital stays and shorter recovery times.

Cost: £1.5m

Start date:
Phased: beginning in summer 2021

Funding source: Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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Improvements at Gloucestershire Royal Hospital

We are investing **£64.75m** on:

Aspen Centre: New purpose built Dermatology Outpatient service with specialist treatment rooms, minor operation theatres along with teaching/education facilities.

Cost: £1.0m

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2021

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More information

Both hospitals will continue to provide their full range of patient services while construction is underway.

It is inevitable that construction work of this nature does cause disruption. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

A key reason that Kier was awarded the contract to deliver a significant part of the building work was because of their approach to and experience of complex building projects on busy hospital sites. Kier will adopt the latest technology and techniques to minimise disruption and reduce noise levels as much as possible.

If you require any additional information, you can contact our contractor, Kier.

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