

Major Improvement Works at Western General Hospital

Information for patients

An exciting programme of major improvement work started in June 2019 at the Western General Hospital. The work is scheduled to take place between 2019 and 2022 and includes a new Haematology centre, a new Renal satellite unit (replacing the existing Renal dialysis unit), and upgrades to a number of the Edinburgh Cancer Centre wards and departments.

New buildings and redesigned services will improve the physical environment for patients to enhance their treatment. However, the work will affect access to a number of areas, especially those on the east side of the hospital nearest to Crewe Road South and off the main entrance to the hospital (known as the Crewe Road entrance, or 'Main Drive'). These include:

- The Edinburgh Cancer Centre including radiotherapy, outpatients, Ward 1 and Haematology
- The Breast Unit, including Mammography
- The Renal Dialysis Unit
- Maggie's Centre.

The car parks accessed off the Main Drive will also be affected, so parking will be restricted for both patients and staff. Additional measures are under review such as creating specific drop-off zones for patients. However, we ask you to consider using other travel options, such as public transport, if at all possible.

Also, as the various projects develop, the normal routes of access to clinics and wards will change over time. Care will be taken to address safety for patients and visitors at all times, and all new routes will be clearly marked, but we would suggest that everyone allows some extra time to get to their destination. In addition, there may be some disturbance - such as noise - within the buildings being upgraded, which potentially could affect adjacent patient areas. We will do all we can to minimise any disruption.

If you are interested in finding out exactly what work is planned for the Western General Hospital more details can be found at:

<https://org.nhsllothian.scot/CapitalDevelopments/CurrentProjects/WGHRedevelopment/Pages/Parking.aspx>

Thank you for your patience and understanding during the coming months.