

Evelina London Children's Hospital unveils ambitious development plans



Exciting plans have been announced to provide life-changing care for more children and young people at Evelina London.

The hospital have begun the next phase of development plans to help meet the growing demand for their services. Evelina London already provides an extensive range of specialist services for children with rare and complex conditions.

Over the past 10 years, demand for the hospital's expert services and family-friendly care has grown rapidly, doubling inpatient activity and more than doubling outpatient activity. A series of new developments are now planned to meet existing and future demand, improving facilities for patients, their families and staff.

The development plans include:

- A new dedicated children's day surgery centre adjacent to the existing hospital, which will open in 2022 to increase capacity for planned diagnostic and surgical procedures
- A major extension to the existing hospital, providing extra capacity with operating theatres, advanced diagnostic facilities and inpatient floors.
- Relocation of the outpatients to a new building on the neighbouring Royal Street site, maximising the number of patients who can stay in the main hospital buildings.

Marian Ridley, Director of Evelina London, said: "Since opening our child friendly building in 2005, the number of patients we care for each year has grown significantly.

"Evelina London needs to grow so that we can continue to provide outstanding healthcare for children and young people. These developments will ensure we meet their needs now and in the future as the number of patients needing the specialist care and expertise that our teams provide continues to increase."

Dr Ian Abbs, Chief Executive at Guy's and St Thomas', said:

"These developments are part of ambitious plans that will benefit patients in south London, south east England and beyond, to create one of the leading comprehensive children's hospitals in Europe. They will also drive clinical innovation by providing space for leading edge research and technology to advance treatments for children and young people."



At ECHO, we are delighted at the announcement of these new plans, which will increase the number of children and young people with congenital heart disease who are able to be treated within the Evelina London Children's Hospital.

We look forward to continuing our joined up approach with the cardiology and wider teams at the hospital, to ensure families receive adequate practical and emotional support at every stage of their heart journey, from diagnosis throughout any treatment and care pathway.

ECHO are committed to sharing updates with our members and continue to be part of several committees and groups dedicated to the development and expansion of congenital heart disease treatment in the UK.

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