

March 2021 update

Our commitment to improving the health and wellbeing of the people in Shipston and the surrounding communities: Developing the Ellen Badger site

Since our last update South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust has continued to work closely with Shipston Medical Centre to progress the plans for the redevelopment of the Ellen Badger site. With an expanding local population there is ever increasing demands on the GP practice, this is a key driver for why we are moving forward with phase 1 to ensure there are no delays to being able to develop a first class medical centre that can meet the growing needs of the community.

This update includes a plan showcasing the services that will be available at the Ellen Badger site once phase 1 is complete. As you can see there will be a range of services available which will make up the hospital. The new build will have approximately 100 rooms, all varying sizes and functions and the total square footage will be 2,559.00m² (27,545.07sq ft). The future direction of all hospitals is to provide flexible facilities that will help people stay well within their communities which phase 1 seeks to do and is what makes it a really exciting time for healthcare.



This will not only be the most significant investment in the site since its inception, it will also make it a leading facility nationally with lots of future opportunities.

'Save our Hospital' Campaign

Many of you will have seen the petition that the League of Friends have started. They are asking for you to sign for the development to happen in one single phase. Our proposal, detailed in this update, will see a significant investment in health services for you and your local community, supported by national funding available next year only. We have designed the site to allow for future development and this retains the existing ward (with a small reduction in the original number of beds there now), keeping the retained ward allows us to be responsive to increased demand, like we have had to be during the pandemic.

It is disappointing that the League of Friends do not wish to support this approach and they have confirmed to the Trust they will no longer be fundraising for this first phase, therefore if you wish to help or know more about this project please contact the Trust directly, by emailing EBHdevelopment@swft.nhs.uk.

What has been happening?

We are working with architects to design a site that is sympathetic to building in stages. The design criteria will ensure that the first phase works independently but also compliments subsequent phases.

- Our planning application for the complete development was submitted in December 2020, and we continue to work with the planners.
- The project team are working with specialist teams including Infection Prevention, Security, Estates and Hotel Services, to develop plans for how the new development will meet varying needs.
- Work is ongoing with the teams at Ellen Badger and community staff to identify temporary arrangements to ensure services continue throughout the construction period. This will include the continued provision of the South Warwickshire inpatient beds temporarily relocated to Leamington Hospital.
- The public survey undertaken by Healthwatch is now closed and there was a fantastic response with 550 surveys completed. More information is included on this within the update.

Considerations for the project

As we are sure you can appreciate COVID-19 has changed healthcare in most aspects, including the way that we care for inpatients. It has also highlighted that all of our areas need to be flexible and adaptable to changing needs.

There are also a number of projects happening outside of this development that will impact on future plans, these include a review of urgent care across Warwickshire, a national review of diagnostics and a Warwickshire wide review of all discharge to assess beds which includes all of our community beds at the Ellen Badger and the Nicol Unit at Stratford Hospital.

Learning from Covid, as well as the recommendations from these additional projects will inform next steps. Whilst we don't know yet what will come out of these reviews, we have planned this development in such a way that it is flexible to future requirements.

There are also considerations for what is happening across the wider health economy in Coventry and Warwickshire. We have to work with our partners in the system to ensure funding is being used where it is most needed. We recognise that this development will be extremely beneficial to the local community in Shipston and the surrounding villages, but there are projects across the system all competing for capital funding. Phase 1 brings Shipston Medical Centre on site and will offer communities in and around Shipston a facility to support their own health and wellbeing as well as clinical spaces for physiotherapy, specialist nurses and other health professionals including mental health clinicians, all of these will enhance the healthcare offering for the local population and that is why we have been able to secure the funding for these elements. If we delay the project to wait for the outcomes of this work, we cannot guarantee the funding and therefore it is likely that the development will stop in its entirety. This is why a phased approach is the only viable option for this development and is standard approach to major developments of this kind, similarly to the way we have developed Stratford Hospital.

The increasing demands on Shipston Medical Centre is a further reason why moving forward with phase 1 is so important, any delays to the project to try and incorporate all elements in a single phase, would have a major impact on the new medical centre. The new premises will give local GP services the space and enhanced facilities to best serve the community.



Proposed plans for the Ellen Badger site after completion of phase 1

- 1 New car park with flexible space for mobile diagnostics, e.g. breast screening services
- 2 Health and Wellbeing Centre* (ground floor) - a flexible space for community use, therapy and activities
- 3 Woodland walk, including access to the River Stour*
- 4 Shipston Medical Centre
- 5 Entrance from Stratford Road
- 6 Shared spaces for Community Nursing and Health Visiting teams as well as Shipston home nursing. There will be outpatients and treatment rooms for physiotherapy, specialist nurses and other health professionals including mental health clinicians
- 7 Existing building will initially provide the day hospital, outpatient clinics and physiotherapy services, flexibility in the future to be used for other services, e.g. inpatients

* The range of facilities within the health and well-being centre and the woodland walk are subject to the level of public fundraising support.

Feedback from the Healthwatch survey on the Health and Wellbeing Centre

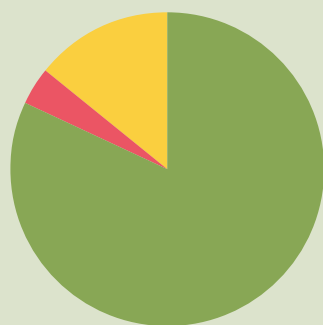
A big THANK YOU to everyone who took the time to take part in the survey.

There were 550 responses to the survey, all of which will help us to shape the facilities and services within the Health and Wellbeing Centre.

It was extremely positive to see that 82% of participants thought the centre will be used by the local community.

A number of key themes came up throughout the survey which we are incorporating;

- Access to Physiotherapy within the first phase of the development
- Working closely with mental health services to provide mental and emotional wellbeing support for all ages
- Facilities for outpatient clinics within phase 1



Respondents who thought the Health and Wellbeing Centre will be used by the local community.

82%	Yes
4%	No
14%	Not Sure

To access the full Healthwatch report please visit:
www.healthwatchwarwickshire.co.uk/news-and-reports
Or contact Healthwatch on: **01926 422823**
(between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday)

We will now be working closely with partners to work through the findings within the survey and ensure the Health and Wellbeing Centre meets the needs of our local community. We will continue working with Healthwatch and other local groups to gather views of hard to reach groups and make sure our plans are representative of the whole population.

Next steps:

- Work with partners to develop plans for the Health and Wellbeing Centre
- Enabling works start in summer 2021 – this includes the demolition
- Temporary relocation of services in summer 2021
- Construction of phase 1 starts on site in early 2022



For more information on the development plans please visit the Trust's website where there is a selection of video updates:

www.swft.nhs.uk/our-hospitals/ellen-badger-hospital

If you have any comments or questions, we would encourage you to send them to **EBHdevelopment@swft.nhs.uk**