

Consultation update on plans to invest £450m in improving Leicester's hospitals

We are delighted that after many years of planning and discussions our proposals to invest £450m in modernising and upgrading our hospitals were supported by Government, with an announcement of funding in principle made during October last year.

We want to create a modern, fit-for-purpose environment that helps us continue delivering the high quality of care provided by our dedicated staff, as well as the cutting edge technologies and treatments that are already being used to transform and save lives.



Our ambition is simple: we want to build hospitals and services that local people can be proud of, both now and for generations to come.

Since Government support for funding was secured we have been working hard to finalise the details of our ambitious proposals and, with our partners, have been progressing through regional and national assurance processes. We had hoped that, subject to completion of these, we would be in a position to publish the full details of what is planned (often called the pre-consultation business case or PCBC) and launch a formal public consultation during April.

Those assurance processes are still ongoing. Meanwhile the current Coronavirus outbreak means that the priority for the NHS must, rightly, be on doing everything we can to support patients and care for those most in need during what will be a particularly challenging time.

These two things mean that the consultation will now start later than originally expected.

The fluidity of the national situation means that we cannot, at this stage, provide details of exact timescales. However, we hope that consultation may be able to commence during the early part of the summer - though this will have to be kept under review. We also remain committed to publishing our detailed plans in advance of consultation and will provide an update on timescales for this in due course. We will also continue conversations with our local Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee on progress over the coming months.