

Frequently Asked Questions

New Women's and Children's Hospital

The South Australian Government has confirmed their \$50 million funding commitment to deliver essential clinical, infrastructure and engineering upgrades at the Women's and Children's Hospital (WCH) while the new hospital is being planned, designed and built.

The upgrades will address high priority clinical and infrastructure requirements in four key areas, enabling the WCH to continue to deliver high quality and safe services to consumers and their families.

The four areas to be redeveloped are Boylan Ward, the operating theatres, the neonatal nursery (NICU/SCBU), and the Paediatric Emergency Department.

Why is the South Australian Government spending money to upgrade the existing Women's and Children's Hospital when there are plans to build a new hospital alongside the Royal Adelaide Hospital?

The Women's and Children's Hospital will continue to provide clinical services for the next 6-7 years so essential clinical, infrastructure and engineering sustainment works are necessary to ensure the hospital continues to provide high quality and safe services to consumers and their families until the delivery of the new Women's and Children's Hospital.

What will the sustainment works involve?

The redevelopment works will commence in stages from 2019 and include:

- The relocation and redevelopment of Boylan Ward within the inpatient zone to create a Child Adolescent Mental Health Service facility that supports contemporary models of care, provides an outdoor space and a high dependency area.
- The sustainment of the operating theatres, including addressing air flow/pressure challenges in the Queen Victoria Operating Suite and Rogerson Theatre suites, upgrading the Heating-Ventilation-Air-Conditioning as well as the flooring and wall surfaces to support infection prevention.
- The redevelopment of the neonatal nursery (NICU/SCBU), including the provision of additional space within the treatment areas. The redevelopment will also enable the opportunity to implement new models of care prior to relocating to the new hospital.
- The redevelopment of the Paediatric Emergency Department to include an improved triage area, dedicated mental health assessment spaces, larger waiting areas, three additional multi-purpose treatment areas, an additional isolation room, as well as improved clinical support areas and age appropriate spaces.

The sustainment works also include critical engineering and ICT infrastructure upgrades.

How were these four clinical priority projects selected?

The identification of the four priority projects follows extensive consultation with clinical and non-clinical staff throughout the feasibility, concept and design development stages of this project.

What will the Boylan Ward redevelopment include?

The relocation and redevelopment of Boylan Ward within the inpatient zone to create a Child Adolescent Mental Health Service facility will support contemporary models of care, provide an outdoor space and a high dependency area.



The redeveloped unit will be contemporary, support best practice and person and family centred practice and will provide specialised care and support for children and young people with severe mental health problems.

It will have individual rooms (complete with ensuites), quiet spaces, sufficient areas to manage challenging behaviours, a dedicated space for families, a seclusion room, and ancillary patient and clinical support areas.

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What will the operating theatres sustainment works include?

The sustainment of the operating theatres will include addressing air flow/pressure challenges in the Queen Victoria Operating Suite and Rogerson Theatre suites, upgrading the Heating-Ventilation-Air-Conditioning as well as the flooring and wall surfaces to support infection prevention.

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What will the neonatal nursery redevelopment include?

The redevelopment of the neonatal nursery (NICU/SCBU) will provide additional space within the treatment areas, and will enable the opportunity to implement new models of care prior to relocating to the new hospital.

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What will the Paediatric Emergency Department redevelopment include?

The redevelopment of the Paediatric Emergency Department will include an improved triage area, dedicated mental health assessment spaces, larger waiting areas, three additional multi-purpose treatment areas, an additional isolation room, as well as improved clinical support areas and age appropriate spaces.

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What impact will the construction works have on patients and their families?

Safe and quality care will be maintained throughout the delivery of the project, however the construction activity may result in some increased noise and disruption during different stages of the project.

Consultation will continue throughout the construction phase to ensure we actively work to minimise disruption to staff and consumers, and reduce the impact of construction activity on the hospital site.

Will there be any impact on clinical services as a result of (or during) the building works?

Clinical services will continue during the building works. Detailed staging plans are being developed in close consultation with clinicians and end users to maintain access to safe clinical services.

Have staff been consulted?

Extensive consultation occurred with clinical and non-clinical staff throughout the feasibility, concept and design development stages of this project. Consultation will continue throughout the construction phase to ensure we actively work to minimise disruption to staff and consumers.



Will staff need to relocate to a new work area as a result of the building works?

Due to the limited expansion areas and constrained footprint of the existing site, several areas will be relocated to alternate locations to provide the required area for redevelopment of the neonatal nursery (NICU/SCBU), Boylan, PED and Theatres.

The areas required for relocation and redesign are predominantly workspaces and meeting areas. Consultation is ongoing with the areas and will continue as part of the early works packages required to deliver the major works.

Will the redevelopment of these spaces increase service demand or clinical activity?

The redevelopment of these spaces will improve the facilities, support safe and quality care and improve family centred environments. It is not anticipated that the facility upgrades will increase service demand or clinical activity.

Will other clinical areas be redeveloped between now and when the new hospital is built?

At this stage, no other clinical areas have been earmarked for redevelopment, however routine maintenance will be ongoing outside the scope of the Women's and Children's Hospital Upgrade Project.

When will the sustainment works begin?

Sustainment works will begin in a staged approach from 2019, with the majority of works to be completed by the end of 2020.

What happens if the sustainment works are delayed?

The project team has a proven track record of delivering on budget and on time. The team has an excellent understanding of the current hospital facilities including the existing site infrastructure and engineering services.

The chosen procurement method to engage the general building contractor provides the flexibility to manage scope throughout the project to ensure a final 'on budget' and on time outcome is delivered.

How can I provide feedback about the sustainment works?

Questions regarding the sustainment works can be sent to the project team at: health.WCHNCapitalProjects@sa.gov.au

