

Frequently Asked Questions

Women's and Children's Hospital Upgrade Project

A \$50 million upgrade of the Women's and Children's Hospital is underway so that we can continue to provide the highest quality of care while planning continues for a new hospital

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

The four areas to be redeveloped are the Operating Theatres, Boylan Ward, the Paediatric Emergency Department and the Neonatal Nursery.

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?

Part of the State Government's commitment to build the new Women's and Children's Hospital requires the existing ageing hospital to be sustained in a 'fit for purpose' state while the new hospital is planned and delivered by 2025/26. The State Government's priority is to maintain safe and quality care for consumers, families and staff during this time and has allocated \$50 million for the sustainment works for the existing hospital.

What will the redevelopment works involve?

These exciting upgrades include:

- Operating Theatres refurbishment in their current locations.
- Paediatric Emergency Department redevelopment, with improved triage area, dedicated mental health assessment spaces and three extra treatment areas.
- Child and Adolescent Mental Health Ward relocation and redevelopment to create an outdoor space and a high dependency area.
- Neonatal nursery redevelopment to expand the treatment space providing better access for families and staff.
- 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 Boylan Ward redevelopment will create a Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service Unit with an outdoor space and a high dependency area.

The new inpatient unit will also include individual rooms with ensuites, quiet rooms, a dedicated space for families, a sensory room, and consult spaces to provide a variety of options for staff to provide patient care.

Patients will have access to larger recreation, lounge and dining spaces and a kitchen in the new unit.

What will the Operating Theatres sustainment works include?

The Operating Theatres refurbishment will involve upgrading the Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Systems as well as the ceiling, flooring and wall surfaces to support infection prevention.

The refurbishment will also include upgrading the theatre supply room and induction rooms to create a child friendly atmosphere for children undergoing treatment.

What will the Neonatal Nursery redevelopment include?

The Neonatal Nursery redevelopment will expand the treatment space to provide better access for families and staff, dedicated person and family centred spaces and a new parent's lounge and family care unit.

The redevelopment will also enable the opportunity to implement new models of care prior to relocating to the new Women's and Children's Hospital.

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.

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

We are aware that there may be an increase in noise and activity resulting from these exciting upgrades but we are working hard to minimise disruptions for our patients, their families, visitors and our staff. If you have any concerns please contact your nurse or a staff member as your comfort and safety is our top priority.

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

Clinical services will continue throughout the delivery of the project.

Have staff been consulted?

Extensive consultation and engagement occurred with clinical and non-clinical staff throughout the feasibility, concept and design development stages of this project.

Engagement will continue throughout the construction phase to ensure we actively work to minimise disruption to staff, our patients and their families.

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, Boylan ward, Paediatric Emergency Department and Operating Theatres.

The areas required for relocation and redesign are predominantly workspaces and meeting areas.

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 July 2019, with the majority of works to be completed by 2021.

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

