

nWCH Project

Frequently Asked Questions

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Building a new Women's and Children's Hospital is a challenging and exciting process, and that's why we are working closely with our clinicians, staff and consumers during the planning, design and delivery phases of the project to ensure we build a new hospital that is tailored to our community's unique needs.

The project will undergo three distinct phases; planning, design and delivery. This comprehensive process ensures our new hospital will meet the future health needs of our community and staff.

What will the planning phase look like in early 2021?

Work is continuing on the Master Plan, which is a vital piece of work being undertaken during the planning phase, and ongoing discussions with the Royal Adelaide Hospital will explore opportunities for shared functional space and shared services.

Concept consultation is also continuing. Concept is a high level design which shows the relationship between the clinical functions, services and other facilities. It identifies where individual departments are located and the area that will occupy within each floor of the building this is often referred to as 'blocking and stacking'.

How are staff and consumers being involved during the planning phase?

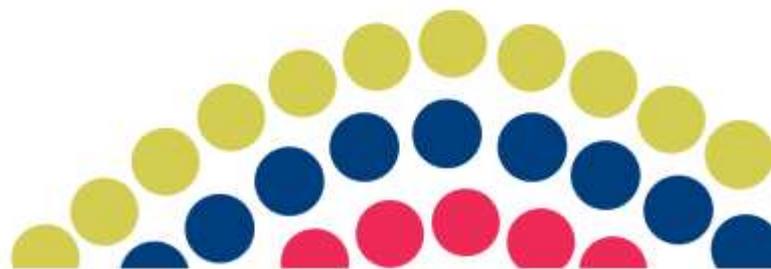
During the planning phase, we are partnering with more than 580 clinicians, other staff and consumers as they play a vital role in creating a facility that will continue to deliver high quality services to our patients and their families for many years to come.

We will continue to engage with our community to ensure we provide services that support their health and wellbeing both now and into the future.

How can I be involved in the planning of the new Women's and Children's Hospital?

It's important to us that our new hospital and healthcare services meet the needs of the people who use them so we are inviting consumers and the South Australian community with lived experience to help plan and design our new hospital.

If you are a consumer and would like to be involved in the planning and design of the new Women's and Children's hospital, you can register your interest on our website wch.sa.gov.au/newWCH



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Why do we need a new WCH?

The South Australian Government has committed to building a new Women's and Children's Hospital (WCH), co-located with the Royal Adelaide Hospital (RAH) within the Adelaide BioMed City precinct. Some of the current challenges with the existing WCH site include:

- No direct access to an adult Intensive Care Unit and adult clinical services.
- Ageing infrastructure requires continual and costly repairs to ensure the hospital continues to provide high quality and safe services to patients and their families.
- The work flows between areas and departments in the existing WCH can be improved.
- The existing WCH doesn't have a helipad resulting in delays for retrievals.

What are the benefits of building a new WCH alongside and/or connected to the Royal Adelaide Hospital?

Co-locating the nWCH next to the RAH will give women direct access to adult support clinical services including an intensive care unit and surgical support. It will also provide access to the RAH's helipad, significantly reducing the risk of transferring maternity, paediatric and neonatal emergencies.

Having both hospitals at the same location will also ensure a smoother transition for young people with long-term conditions from paediatric to adult services and better person and family centred care facilities and services that enhance the experience for patients and families, including outdoor areas and family resource rooms.

The nWCH proximity to the RAH, SAHMRI and SAHMRI 2 will ensure the area is transformed into a thriving medical and research hub focussed on providing better healthcare for all South Australians.

What will the new WCH look like?

The planning for the nWCH is still determining what the hospital is going to look like.

How much is the new hospital expected to cost?

No decisions regarding the cost of the new hospital have been made.

How many carpark spaces will there be in the new hospital?

Planning for the new Women's and Children's Hospital continues to progress. Current planning for our new facility incorporates more than 1,200 car parks.

Disability parks will be in close proximity to the hospital, more accessible and more user friendly than the current arrangement at WCH. This will greatly benefit children and young people with disabilities and their family carers, many of whom are frequent users of the hospital.

How many treatment spaces will there be in the new hospital?

Based on SA Health state-wide planning and Women's and Children's Health Network operational planning, the current master planning is incorporating 445 treatment spaces.

Consumers and staff are being invited to provide feedback on the proposed number of treatment spaces (445) for the new hospital. Feedback can be sent to the dedicated email address nWCHengagement@sa.gov.au.



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What is the difference between treatment spaces and beds?

The total number of treatment spaces is the sum of bed numbers, number of theatres and recovery areas, day treatment areas, and emergency department clinic spaces.

When will construction commence?

The completion of the Full Business Case will inform our procurement process and will determine how and when we can engage a builder.

When will the nWCH be ready?

The new Women's and Children's Hospital is currently scheduled for completion in 2025-26.

Why is the Government spending \$50 million on the existing WCH?

We're making sure South Australian families continue to have access to modern health facilities through a \$50 million upgrade of the current Women's and Children's Hospital while we plan our brand new hospital.

The \$50 million project includes upgrades to the neonatal nurseries, operating theatres, child and adolescent mental health unit and paediatric emergency department.

What will happen to the existing WCH?

Steps to determine the future of the existing WCH site will be managed by Renewal SA.

Where can I find more information about the nWCH?

Up-to-date information about the nWCH Project is available on the WCHN website wch.sa.gov.au/newWCH

Who can I contact if I have any questions about the new hospital?

Please send any questions you may have about the new Women's and Children's Hospital Project to nWCHengagement@sa.gov.au

