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On the 22nd April one of the routes between the front and the back of the hospital site will be closed permanently. It will no longer be possible to get into the bottom of the Thomas Kemp Tower by going up the external stairs in the middle of the site and across the hospital’s Service Road (shown on the map on the next page).

This route is being closed to allow the safe construction of the helideck on top of the Thomas Kemp Tower and its new lift, that will run down the south face of the tower. Once this is complete the hospital’s redevelopment will be well underway and will block this crossing.

We recommend that all visitors and patients arriving at the front of the hospital use the main entrance in the Barry Building to reach buildings on the back of the site, including:
- The Children’s Hospital,
- The Thomas Kemp Tower
- The Millennium Wing
- The Renal Centre
- The Multi-storey Car Park

This change will not affect the Multi-storey car park. It is reached by another route (marked as North Road on the map overleaf).

Redevelopment nuggets: The main entrance to the hospital is in the Barry Building. This is the oldest inpatient ward building in the country. It took its first patient 20 years before Florence Nightingale started nursing. The Barry Building will be replaced by the second of the redevelopment’s new buildings due to open in 2023.
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Redevelopment nuggets: The redevelopment is split into three stages so that our clinical services can continue to run throughout the project. This way we all get a better hospital without compromising care.

Location of the crossing that will be closed on 22 April.

Suggested entrance to reach buildings at the back of the hospital from the front of the site, including:

- The Children’s Hospital
- The Thomas Kemp Tower
- The Renal Centre
- The Multi-storey Car Park

Laing O’Rourke’s on-site offices.

The old Headquarters Building is the next area to be handed over for construction.

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Work on the Helideck

On Saturday 12 March, as part of the 3Ts Redevelopment of the Royal Sussex County Hospital, a 300 tonne crane lifted safety equipment to the top of the fifteen-storey Thomas Kemp Tower. It is being used in construction of the helideck, which is due for completion late in 2017. It will allow emergency helicopters to bring the most severely injured patients directly to the hospital rather than having to land in East Brighton Park as they do currently.

The helideck and the new lift between it and the Emergency Department, are key parts of the redevelopment of the hospital. We have been preparing the roof of the Thomas Kemp Tower for a number of weeks now. This was the first clear sign that construction of the helideck is underway. Once all the safety equipment is in place work can start on the actual support structure for the helideck. This will begin towards the end of April and will require a crane to operate from the top of the Thomas Kemp Tower itself.

Work on the main scheme of the redevelopment has started gradually and with care, as planned. However more will be happening on site over the coming months and work on the Stage 1 Building of the redevelopment will begin in earnest in the summer.

Redevelopment nuggets: The first eighteen months of the Stage 1 build will involve excavation and foundation works. Why so long? We are putting in a new underground car park for patients and visitors.
April 2016
- The old Headquarters Building becomes part of the redevelopment construction area
- Full construction of the helideck and its lift begins. The South Service Road is closed between its east end and the middle of the hospital site for approximately nine months so this can happen safely.
- The exterior pedestrian crossing to the base of the Thomas Kemp Tower is shut permanently.

May 2016
- The Courtyard Building* is completed. Three wards move from the Jubilee Building to the Courtyard Building. The Jubilee Building becomes part of the redevelopment construction area.
- Work begins on the Clinical Administration Building next to the North Service Road.

June 2016
- Laing O’Rourke off site offices are put on the south tennis courts at St Mary’s Hall.
- The Hanbury Building* at the front of the hospital site is completed. The Nuclear Medicine, Physiotherapy, Rheumatology and Radio-pharmacy services move from the Latilla and Nuclear Medicine Buildings into the Hanbury Building.
- The Stephen Ralli and Estates Buildings becomes part of the Stage 1 construction area.
*These are modular buildings that accommodate clinical services whilst construction is ongoing.

When and where does construction start on site...

These dates are subject to the completion of current, on site works.