



OUR NEW HOSPITAL PROGRAMME

READING HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Building Berkshire Together Update
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Background

- In Oct 2019 the Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust (RBFT) was placed on the New Hospital Programme (NHP)
- The RBFT is in Cohort 4 of the NHP - which means being full adopters of the new approach to building new hospitals
- This is called '**Hospital 2.0**' and means, for example;
 - standardised designs
 - centralised processes and
 - Modern Methods of Construction (MMC).
- It is anticipated that, through the programmatic approach this will deliver economies of scale, such as reductions in time and cost to build new healthcare facilities

New Hospital Programme

- On 23 May 2023 announcement by the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care as £20bn
- An additional 5 hospitals were added to the programme which have RAAC (*Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete*)
- The Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust (RBFT) does not have RACC
- Some hospitals currently on the scheme are not be able to deliver before 2030, due to both constraints on the funding allocation but also supply chain issues
- The scheduling of RBFT has not been decided yet. This can only be decided after some further work over the next 5 months with the New Hospital programme (NHP)
- The RBFT has been carrying out Geotechnical Surveys across the site to understand its suitability for a significant redevelopment on site using Hospital 2.0 and is crucial to decision



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Other Sites

- A recent site search identified 2 sites which most closely met criteria
 - Thames Valley Science Park – Greenfield
 - Thames Valley Park – Brownfield
- We are carrying our further due diligence work to understand their suitability
- We are also been in discussions with Reading Borough Council Planners to explore options in the borough and are working to an end of October deadline to try to identify other sites in the area



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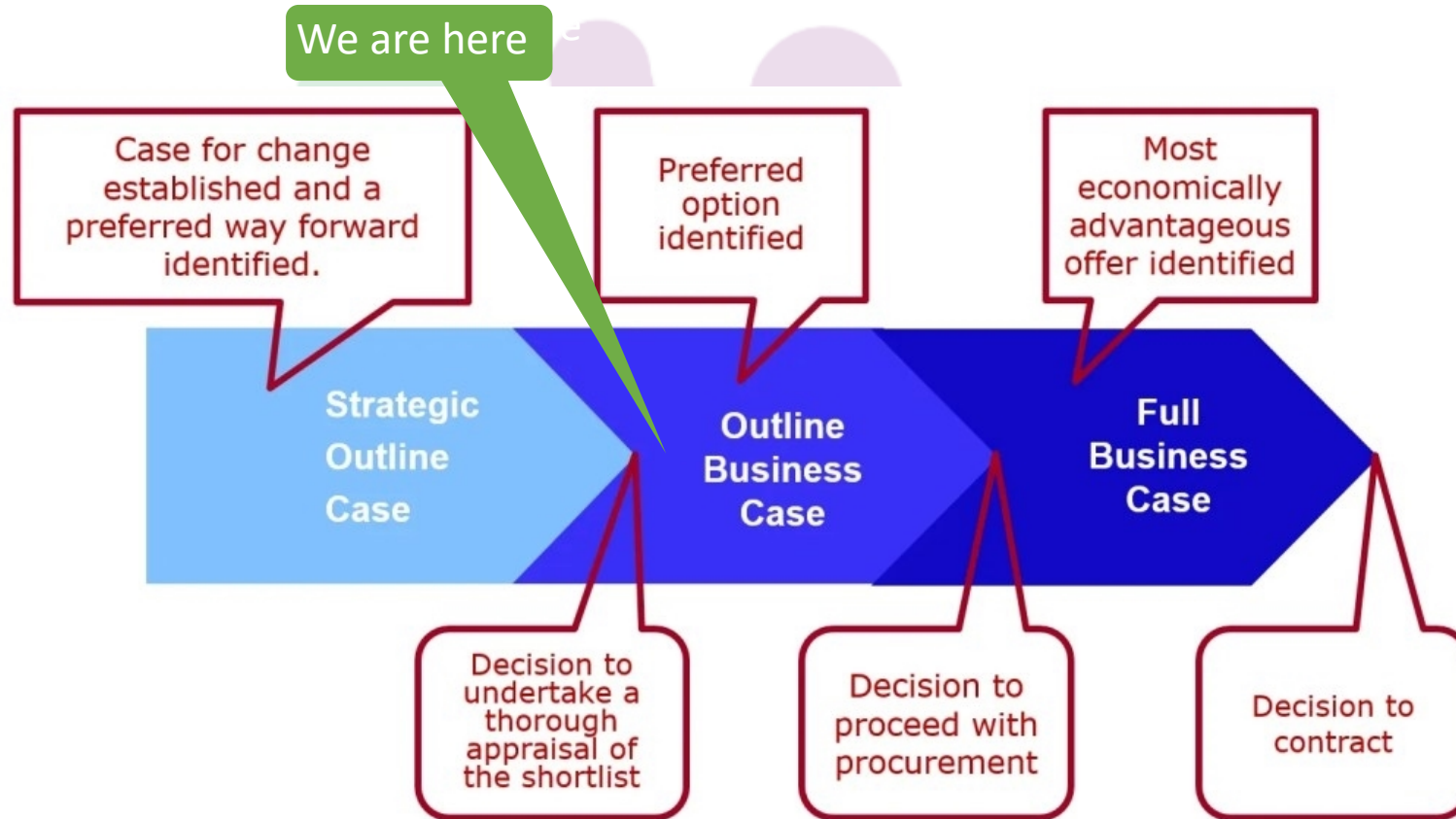


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The Business Case Process



In Dec 2020 the Trust submitted a Strategic Outline Case (SOC). The options to take forward from the SOC were:

1. Whole new hospital

- On site - est £995m
- New site – est £1.3bn (excluding land purchase or sale costs)

2. *Part new build/part refurbishment on existing site –

(new Elective Block and Urgent Care Block) est £785m

(*requested by NHP to deliver on reduced envelope)

On 7 June 2023, the RBFT has received an **initial funding allocation range**. This appears to be aligned to a **part redevelopment on current site**.

We are working with New Hospital Programme (NHP) to understand what this is expected to deliver under the new Hospital 2.0 model.

Following extensive engagement on the shortlisting process and clarification of NHP requirements and issues linked to an onsite development, in June 2023 the Board approved a proposal for a **preferred way forward** as a new hospital on a new site

Summary

- The funding allocation is being worked through with NHP and is not finalised – due to complete by end of March 2024
- The *preferred way forward* position is based on
 - Economic advantage set out in the SOC of new hospital on new site
 - Recent engagement undertaken
 - Understanding of NHP requirements of a Hospital 2.0 build on the current site
 - A detailed analysis on the shortlist now needs to take place
- The current funding allocation does not facilitate a move off site
- There may be structural issues with the site meaning development has constraints - Geo survey information key to this and the full report is due in April 2024



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Engagement

Regular attendance at local events including MELA, Kenyan Family Day, PRIDE, Heritage Open Day at the Old Library at Royal Berks, Older People's Day at Broad Street Mall and connecting with young people at our Youth Forum. Speaking at local forums such as the Reading Civic Society and Cultural Education Partnership.

Arranging hospital site visits for Councillors to come and have a walk around the hospital and see some of the issues for themselves.

Regular events calendar on our website – please join us or read about it here

www.buildingberkshiretogether.co.uk

We have Patient Leaders in our meetings and involved in our work.

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Next Steps

- Work with NHP over next 5 months to finalise our scheme
- Clinical Model – We are working with local integrated system partners on how the hospital will support transformation needed
- Geo surveys – In phases with final report due to report April 2024
- Data centre – Business Case Process
- Options development and appraisal process
- Continued engagement with local communities



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