

# Journey to better mental health



Camden and Islington  
NHS Foundation Trust



**In this month's edition:** Read about how we are starting our detailed planning for the temporary and permanent moves from the St Pancras Hospital site.

## Planning our move from St Pancras

When we first started having conversations about the redevelopment of the St Pancras Hospital site, it felt like that change was far away in the future.

But as we settle into 2022, and with the construction of our new hospital well underway, we have reached a stage in the programme where we need to begin detailed planning to vacate our existing spaces at the St Pancras Hospital site.

For some of our service teams, the move will be temporary until our new St Pancras facility is built. But for others, for example our inpatient hospital teams, it will mean a permanent move to another location.

We recognise that moves of any sort can be unsettling for service users, carers and staff. But, they are unavoidable to deliver a more sustainable, fit for purpose estate that enables us to improve the way we provide care and treatment.

To keep disruption to a minimum, we have committed to working towards a number of principles.

For example, for our clinical services on the St Pancras Hospital site, we will do everything possible to ensure the majority of them move only once and to their final location.

However, there are some clinical services for which St Pancras will be the final location. They will need to move to a temporary location for a period, while the Trust's new St Pancras facility is being built. For these particular clinical services, we are exploring options to see if we can maintain them on the site, potentially in some vacant space we have in South Wing, as the redevelopment of South Wing will come much later in the programme, after our new St Pancras facility has been built.

All corporate teams will move from the site and Regis Road will become a long-term base for most of them.

The St Pancras Hospital site will remain the Trust's headquarters when the redevelopment is complete, but the vast majority of our new space will be for clinical services and research rather than office space.

Moves off the St Pancras Hospital site will take place in late 2023.



## New St Pancras facility

This spring we will begin to co-design our new St Pancras facility that we will share with the Institute of Mental Health. The Institute of Mental Health is a world-leading collaboration for research into mental health disorders, with the best clinical academics and scientists in the fields of mental health and illness, many of whom are also practising clinicians at the Trust. Being based in the same building will further strengthen this collaboration, providing a place of learning, research and recovery. Importantly, this increasingly close relationship will speed up the time it takes for research breakthroughs to translate into care and treatment for those living with mental illness.

If you haven't done so already, you can register your interest in taking part in co-design activities by emailing [stpancrastransformation@candi.nhs.uk](mailto:stpancrastransformation@candi.nhs.uk)

## Some re-shuffling of services on the St Pancras Hospital site will begin this summer

This work will involve vacating the Bloomsbury, Camley and Jules Thorn buildings, and the post room and loading bay areas to enable Project Oriel (a joint initiative between Moorfields Eye Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, the UCL Institute of Ophthalmology and Moorfields Eye Charity) to begin preparations for their new St Pancras development

It is expected that the majority of these services will be relocated elsewhere on the St Pancras Hospital site. We will share details as the plans progress and will ensure all those affected have all the information they need.



# Longer-term plan for St Pancras site and services to be based there

## What is the longer-term plan for the St Pancras Hospital site?

The St Pancras Hospital site will continue to be a key site for NHS services. Subject to approvals, Project Oriol will use a portion of the site for their new centre for advancing eye care. We will also maintain a flagship presence on the site, in a brand new C&I facility, for specialist and regional community services.

The remainder of the site has been long-leased to our development partner, the King's Cross Central Limited Partnership (KCCLP), for redevelopment. This part of the site will include some housing and commercial space.

## What will the redeveloped St Pancras Hospital site look like?

A proposed site layout has already been shared and is available to view here in this update ([please see page 5](#)).

## Which C&I services will remain at St Pancras once the site has been redeveloped?

Our new St Pancras space will include:

- Regional and specialist community services
- A training centre
- Recovery College
- Core Trust headquarters
- Institute of Mental Health

## What about services that are provided by other NHS organisations currently based on the site?

Our discussions with other NHS providers who currently use some of the buildings owned by Camden and Islington NHS Foundation Trust, are ongoing. There will be separate engagement on proposed changes to the location of these services.

## Get involved

Detailed information about our programmes and opportunities to get involved are available on our website at [www.candi.nhs.uk](http://www.candi.nhs.uk)

If you have specific questions, please send them to **communications@candi.nhs.uk**

If you would like to discuss any part of the plans, we are happy to attend one of your regular meetings. Please send an email to address above to arrange a date.

