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2.00 pm
Town Hall, Sheffield, S1 2HH

South Yorkshire, Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee Meeting

1. Welcome and Housekeeping Arrangements

2. Apologies for Absence

3. Exclusion of Public and Press

To identify items where resolutions may be moved to exclude the press and public

4. Declarations of Interest

(Pages 3 - 6)

Members to declare any interests they have in the business to be considered at the meeting

5. Minutes of Previous Meeting

(Pages 7 - 12)

To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 23rd August 2023.

6. Oncology Review.

Report to follow.

7. New Orthopaedic Centre, Mexborough.

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8. Work Programme.

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9. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on a date to be confirmed.

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 - the landlord is your council or authority; and
 - the tenant is a body in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest.
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 - (b) either -
 - the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or
 - if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

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- it relates to or is likely to affect any of the interests that are defined as DPIs but are in respect of a member of your family (other than a partner) or a person with whom you have a close association.

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South Yorkshire, Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Joint Health Overview and
Scrutiny Committee

Meeting held 23 August 2023

PRESENT: Councillors Ruth Milsom (Chair), Jeff Ennis, Glynis Smith, Taiba Yasseem

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Jean Wharmby, Derbyshire County Council and Councillor Sue Saddington, Nottinghamshire County Council. Councillor Firas Miro of Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council attended as an observer.

2. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

- 2.1 There were no items of business identified where the public and press may be excluded from the meeting

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 3.1 There were no declarations of interest from members of the Committee.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- 4.1 The minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee held on 20th March 2023 were agreed as a correct record.

5. UPDATED TERMS OF REFERENCE

- 5.1 The report, which provided the Committee with revised terms of reference to reflect changes to local NHS structure, was presented by Deborah Glen, Policy and Improvement Officer.
- 5.2 **RESOLVED:** That the Committee approves the revised terms of reference.

6. DEVELOPING OUR NHS FIVE YEAR JOINT FORWARD PLAN FOR SOUTH YORKSHIRE

- 6.1 The report which provided an update on the work undertaken to develop the initial NHS Five Year Joint Forward Plan for South Yorkshire was introduced by Marianna Hargreaves, (Strategy and Transformation Lead NHS South Yorkshire), Katy Davison, (Deputy Director of Involvement NHS South Yorkshire) and Will Cleary-Gray, (Executive Director Strategy and Partnerships NHS South Yorkshire).

- 6.2 A presentation was delivered covering the parameters for the Forward Plan, the public engagement and consultation work done to inform the plan, the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, the Joint Forward Plan Objectives, the phasing of the plan, the outcomes to be measured, and the next steps.
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It was emphasised that the Plan referred to work to establish the Integrated Care Partnership (ICP) across four local authorities, the NHS and wider partners such as universities. It was required to do the following:

1. Reflect the ambition in the Integrated Care Strategy South Yorkshire which was published earlier in the year.
2. Respond to the needs of communities.
3. Respond to the mandate from NHS England.

The Chair thanked the presenting NHS representatives and acknowledged the huge amount of work done in a short period of time.

- 6.4 Members raised concerns and asked questions on the following topics:

1. The role of elected Members in the consultation process

Members stressed that they were keen to be involved in consultations as they had a unique insight and established links to the community.

2. Forward Plan Consultation

Members noted the low response rate to the consultation, i.e. 0.036 of the population of South Yorkshire. They also queried whether consultations ever led to any real change in approach. Concerns were raised as to the potentially leading nature of multiple-choice questions.

Members requested that the needs of individuals with additional needs, such as learning difficulties, which meant they would not be able to handle the conventional documentation be considered.

Katy Davison confirmed that lessons are always learned from engagement exercises and new approaches undertaken where necessary in subsequent consultations.

Will Cleary-Gray advised that consultation does influence outcomes, e.g. as with the sites of new GP practices in Sheffield. Engagement was intended to be meaningful and was ongoing.

Members suggested that Social Housing providers should be included in future consultations.

3. Outcomes

Members stated that they felt the Plan was more about responding to rising demand rather than addressing the cause of rising demand (such as a sedentary lifestyle and poor nutrition), therefore it seemed insufficiently ambitious.

Will Cleary-Gray advised that there was more detail on this in the delivery plan, further information about which could be provided.

Marianna Hargreaves confirmed that the Joint Forward Plan had commitments to initiatives such as smoking cessation, weight management, and physical activity. Work would be done to scale up initiatives which had been successful locally.

Members raised particular concerns regarding the provision of dentistry, which they felt was grossly under resourced, and that this resulted in very long waiting lists and extreme difficulties in accessing NHS dentistry at all for some patients. They requested that a robust plan as to how this would be addressed be presented at a subsequent meeting of the Committee.

Members queried whether there were conflicts in the priorities set out in the Plan, in particular being “relentless and creative to prevent ill health”, “to continue the progress in delivering the key ambitions set out in the NHS long term plan” and “transforming the NHS for future generations” and whether this would cause conflict or competition for resources between these priorities.

Will Cleary-Gray acknowledged that there were conflicts as many things needed to be done at the same time. He added that structural change had resulted in more local autonomy and had allowed for better partnership working.

4. Primary Care

Members queried whether there was enough resource available for any of it to be shifted to primary care, particularly given rising costs.

Will Cleary-Gray acknowledged that whilst resources may be limited, a commitment had been made to direct them to where they were most needed, and this included primary care in its broadest sense. Communities who were felt to be in the most need, would be targeted. This should become apparent to Members in their own areas over the lifetime of the Plan. Members felt that the ICB had a role to play as an influencer in this respect.

5. Workforce Strategy

Members raised concerns regarding the lack of any response in the Plan to the issues caused by ongoing industrial action, in particular the potential negative impact on staff retention. Whilst Members appreciated that the main responsibility lay with the Government, they were keen to hear whether this was being addressed at a local level.

Will Cleary-Gray agreed that the workforce strategy needed to be focussed on staff retention. He stated that he was not able to comment on the Government's response to industrial action other than to acknowledge its impact on the ability to deliver services.

With regards to the Ambulance Service, Professor Adam Laynard (System Partnership Director of South Yorkshire Ambulance Service), who was present to deliver the next report to the Committee, advised that work had been done with Trade Unions to mitigate the effect of industrial action on the local population. The right of the workforce to take industrial action was supported but it was important that they acknowledged and minimised its impact on patient care.

6. Covid and preparedness for Winter

Members raised concerns that rigid commissioning arrangements for vaccinations could make it difficult for some groups to access the service. If any gaps were to be filled by pharmacies, it would be dependent on whether they had the necessary workforce.

The NHS representatives stated that work was being done to build on what had already worked, such as reaching out to vulnerable communities. Plans were currently being developed.

By way of summary, Members emphasised that whilst they praised the Plan, they had doubts as to whether it was deliverable due to resource limitations. They asked whether the NHS representatives were pushing back on this to the Government. Members would send formal feedback regarding the engagement draft plan to the NHS staff present and to the Department of Health and Social Care.

Will Cleary-Gray stated that he believed that the plan was deliverable and felt that it was important to be ambitious, it could always be updated when necessary. He also advised that the 30% cut mentioned was to management resource not to services.

6.5 **RESOLVED:** That the Committee:-

- a) notes the work undertaken to deliver the initial 5-year Joint Forward Plan for South Yorkshire including the engagement work and will consider the engagement draft plan and provide feedback
- b) requests that further information is brought to a subsequent meeting of the Committee regarding NHS South Yorkshire's plans for dentistry.

7. **YORKSHIRE AMBULANCE SERVICE**

- 7.1 The report, which proposed regular engagement between the Committee and the Yorkshire Ambulance Service, was presented by Professor Adam Layland, (System Partnership Director, South Yorkshire Ambulance Service).
- 7.2 Members agreed that Prof. Lanyard would attend the Committee twice per year in a formal capacity to give an overview of Yorkshire Ambulance Service (YAS) delivery and key information, and that, at the request of the Committee, attend any meeting as a partner to contribute to discussions. The Committee's feedback would also be sought on the YAS Annual Quality Report. Details would be provided of an event on 26th September regarding the YAS new strategy for the next 5 years.
- 7.3 **RESOLVED:** That the Committee notes the report.

8. WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2023/24

- 8.1 The report which provided the Committee with a draft work programme covering 2023-24 was presented by Deborah Glen, Policy and Improvement Officer.
- 8.2 Members requested additional items be added regarding the 30% operational cut at the ICB and regarding dentistry. A request to move the Oncology Review update to the October meeting was refused as members felt an update would be of value even if the review was not complete.

Members requested that an outline plan be provided by the ICB to help inform the Committee's forward plan.

Professor Layland confirmed that he would bring the YAS Strategy to the October meeting of the Committee.

- 8.3 **RESOLVED:** That the Committee agrees the draft work programme, noting that it will need to be reviewed at every meeting.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- 9.1 It was noted that the next meeting of the Committee will be held at 10.00am on 21 September 2023.

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Mexborough Elective Orthopaedic Centre of Excellence

Overview

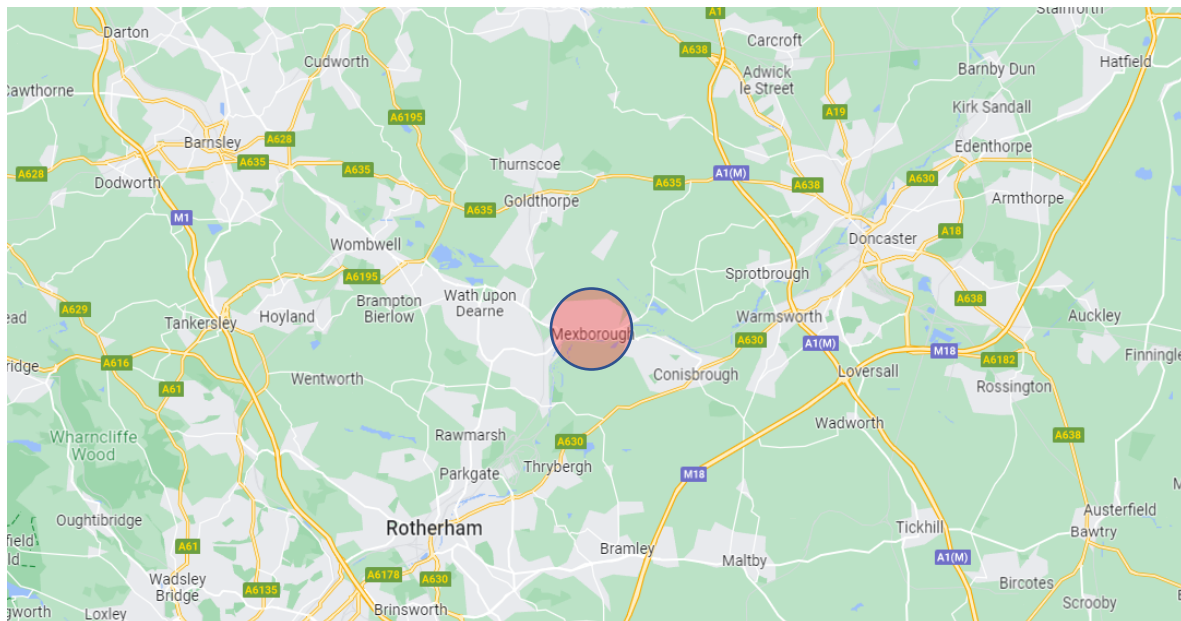
The Mexborough Elective Orthopaedic Centre of Excellence (ME-O-C for short) is a collaboration between Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals (DBTH), Barnsley Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (BH) and The Rotherham Hospital Foundation Trust (TRFT), to implement a new £14.9 million, dedicated orthopaedic hub providing additional services for the people of South Yorkshire.

Patients on orthopaedic waiting lists at all of the three hospital trusts will have the option to have their procedures at the MEOC or opt to remain at their local hospitals. The procedures available at the MEOC include hip and knee replacement alongside foot, ankle, hand, wrist, and shoulder surgery.

Providing ring-fenced elective bed capacity through the MEOC on a 'cold site' (a hospital site unaffected by urgent and emergency admissions) will prevent cancellations, improve patient experience and patient outcomes.

It is envisaged it will play a significant role in reducing orthopaedic waiting lists and waiting times for local people, in the first year of operation, it is anticipated the centre will undertake some 2,200 orthopaedic procedures, equating to about 40% of the current orthopaedic waiting list.

Located in Mexborough, at the Montagu Hospital site, the MEOC is central to Rotherham, Doncaster and Barnsley making it accessible for patients from all three Trusts, and at the heart of a community affected by health inequalities.



Distance from the collaborating hospitals:

- Barnsley – 11.3 miles – 26 minutes by car
- Rotherham Hospital – 7.3 miles – 16 minutes by car
- Doncaster Royal Infirmary – 10.1 miles – 23 minutes by car

Further details can be viewed within Appendix A – Transport details.

Key benefits of the MEOC

- Ring-fenced elective bed capacity could prevent more than 500 cancellations a year across the three trusts (based on data from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022) helping to reduce waiting lists and therefore times patients wait for orthopaedic procedures.
- On the day cancellations would be minimalised through consistent and coordinated pre-assessment processes eliminating all preventable cancellations i.e., where there are no new clinical reasons which prevent surgery.
- Standardised approaches to pre-habilitation will make sure patients are as fit as possible for surgery, accelerating their recovery and improving outcomes.
- Implementing surgical hub best practice can reduce the length of time patients need to stay at hospital with 60% of patients able to return home on same day of surgery and 99% returning home within 24 hours.
- Standardisation of theatre processes and equipment reduces risks and improves outcomes for patients.
- Easily accessible site, served by major roads and good public transport links across the region (see **Appendix A Transport**).
- Improved collaboration across Trusts and a newly developed Centre of Excellence can also support retention and recruitment of specialised staff.

How the MEOC will operate and patient pathways

Clinical and operational staff across the three partner trusts have agreed the main principles of the clinical, operating and staffing model for MEOC. The team continue to refine these principles as part of regular project meetings.

A core team, overseen by three experienced senior managers, will exist within the MEOC (directly employed by DBTH), whilst surgeons and specialist colleagues from participating trusts will operate as per scheduled theatre activity. The team will be comprised of nurses, healthcare assistants, therapists, advanced care practitioners, domestics and housekeepers, administrators, radiologists, anaesthetists, surgical consultants, and assistances. In all, around 60 colleagues.

The facility will operate 48 weeks per year, five days per week, undertaking two four hour operating sessions per day. The inpatient beds will be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

Background/Progress

The project commenced planning and development in late 2021. DBTH initially developed the business case on behalf of the South Yorkshire Integrated Care System (ICS), together with partners The Rotherham Hospital Foundation (TRFT) Trust and Barnsley Hospital Foundation Trust (BH) in January 2023.

Following sign-off and approval by NHS England in February 2023, construction work commenced in July 2023, with an official ground-breaking ceremony held to mark proceedings. By mid-September, all initial enabling works had been complete, and the footings and foundations created.

In late September, the facility, created off site, arrived at Montagu Hospital. This approach allows for the precise, efficient, and high-quality production of healthcare facilities to the stage where they are 90% complete before being transported to site. These practices not only streamline the building process, but they significantly improve quality control and minimise disruption to patients, staff and visitors on hospital sites.

Mexborough was chosen as the appropriate site for this development due to Montagu Hospital being an existing NHS 'cold site' with estate large enough to house the development; its proximity to all three towns and the demographics of the local population.

The project remains to schedule, with an anticipated handover date of mid-December, with an opening date of early January 2024. Once complete the MEOC will feature two state-of-the-art theatre units, two anaesthetic rooms and a recovery suite, in addition to 12 inpatient beds.

Construction is being overseen by a project team which includes colleagues from all three participating NHS trusts, as well as construction experts IHP Vinci.

Citizen and stakeholder involvement

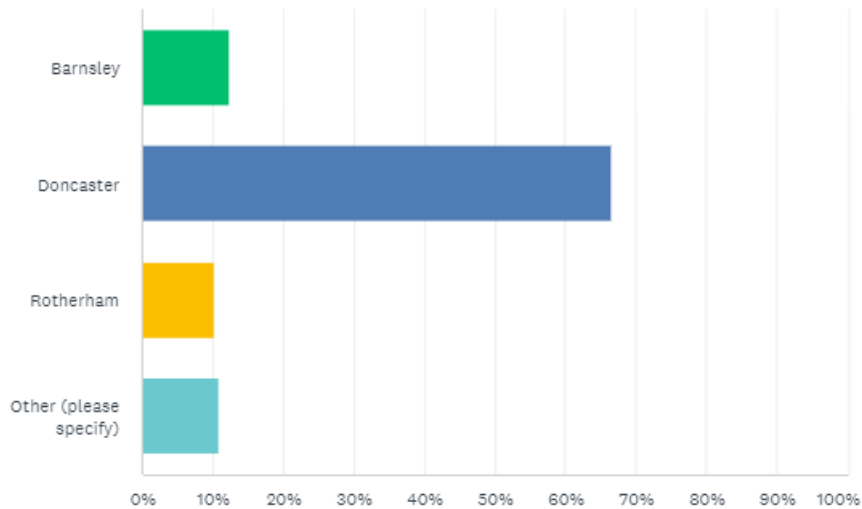
Throughout the project, all trusts have made substantial efforts to ensure that citizens, patients and colleagues from respective organisations are involved and informed. A full round-up of this work can be found in **Appendix B**. Opportunities for citizens to be involved and have their say in the development include:

- From 29 September to 1 October all collaborating organisations asked local people what they wanted the service to be called. With over 1,600 votes cast over the weekend of the vote, MEOC was the leading candidate with 59%.
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- Work underway to engage with underrepresented communities from Barnsley, Rotherham and Doncaster. Identified communities include the deaf community, the learning-disabled communities, the Gypsy-Roma Traveller community, and communities where English is not the first language.
- In July, the Trust launched a survey to ask local people about services at Montagu Hospital. Although part of Community Diagnostic Centre work, it also considered the Montagu Elective Orthopaedic Centre. More than 600 people have completed the survey to date (the exercise is still running) overwhelmingly in support of additional services and developments at Montagu.

- We have sought views from local people through online/ digital surveys about what the project team need to keep in mind to ensure the facility offers the very best experience for our local communities.

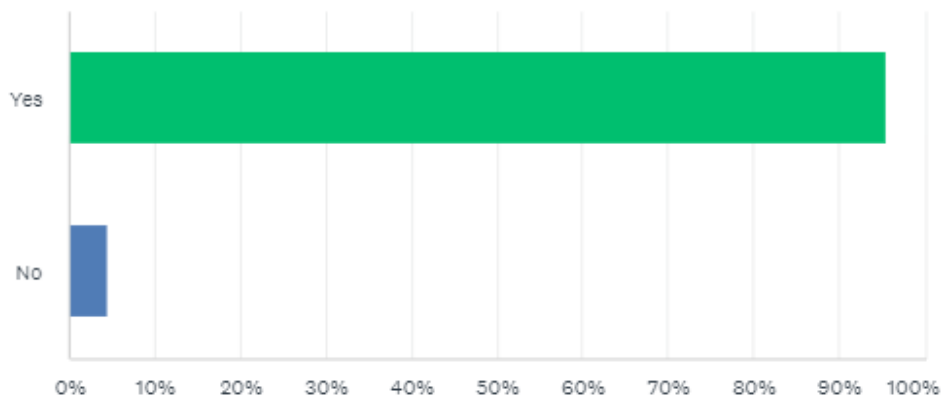
The survey is still live at the time of writing (7 November), and currently has 401 responses with an intention to run this exercise until the end of the year. The results are as follows:

Where are you resident?



NB - Work is underway to increase participation in the survey in Rotherham and Barnsley

If you needed elective surgery, would you consent to this taking place within the new facility at Montagu Hospital?



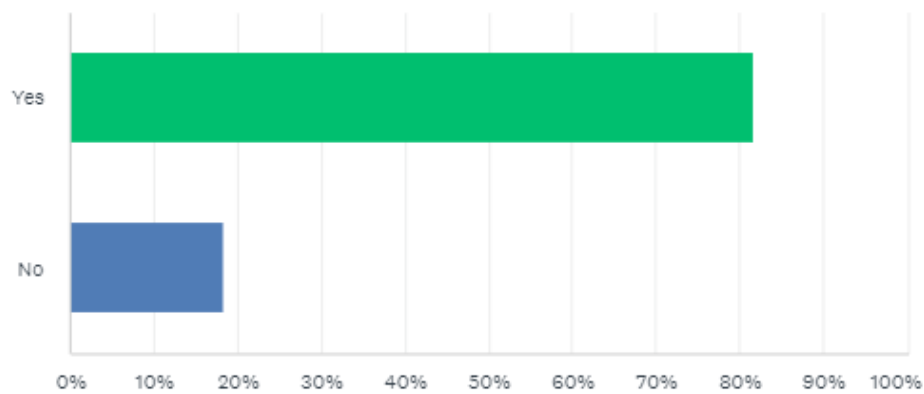
What factors would influence your decision to use the new centre?

- Knowledge that there is less chance of a cancellation.
- Location’s reputation.
- Being able to get there.
- Appropriate staffing.
- Contingency planning in case anything went wrong.

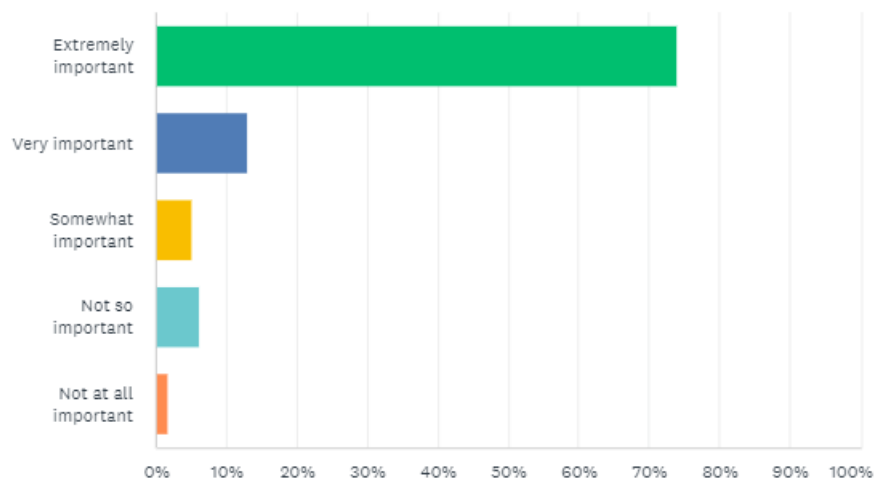
What should we take into account to ensure easy access to our new centre?

- Clear public transport information.
- More parking spaces.
- Disabled access.
- No duplication of tests.
- A handy drop-off area.
- Appropriate signage.
- Wheelchair accessibility.

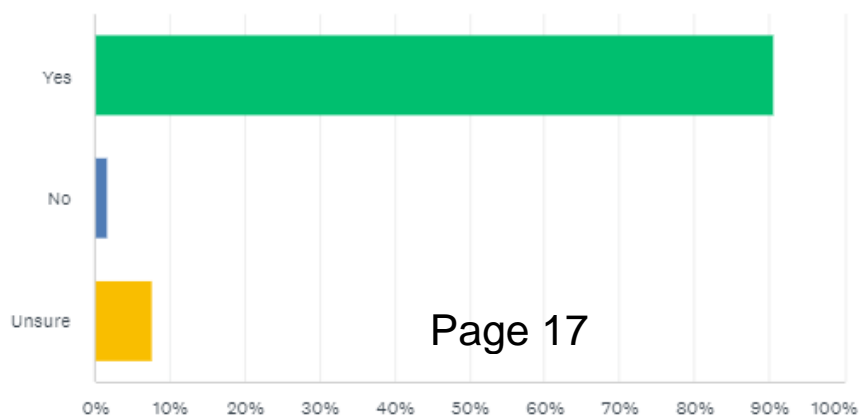
Is Montagu Hospital in a convenient location for you travel to and from?



How important do you think it is that we consider parking facilities, public transport links, and road access when planning the new centre?



Do you believe the investment in the new theatre facility will improve healthcare services in the region?



Further work will be undertaken to capture demographic data with engagement work undertaken to bridge any gaps where certain communities have not had a chance to feedback.

In addition to the involvement opportunities detailed above, significant work has taken place to inform citizens. A number of items have been published since January 2023 all of which have been cascaded by participating organisations, as well as South Yorkshire ICS, and have been picked up by local and regional publications, including: The Sheffield Star; The Doncaster Free Press; The Rotherham Advertiser; The Barnsley Chronicle; We are Barnsley; BBC Radio Sheffield; Doncaster, Barnsley and Rotherham Gazette.

Additionally, all collaborating trusts have shared on their social media channels and websites (with briefs sent to primary care within respective areas):

- Twitter (TRHFT 9,200 followers, BHFT 10,300 followers, DBTH 7,500 followers)
- Facebook (TRHFT 13,000 followers, BHFT 19,000 followers, DBTH 53,000 followers)

As Facebook is the favoured social media network locally, teams have also shared news items and engagement pieces to a large number of Facebook groups within Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham. These groups, ranging from 1,000 to 10,000 members, and are local to specific areas (a list of the groups can be found in **Appendix B**).

Additionally, messaging has been cascaded to over 100 community organisations in Rotherham, Doncaster and Barnsley, and this will be replicated until the launch of the service.

Finally, all announcements with detail pertinent to staff, have also been shared with DBTH's 6,800 colleagues, Barnsley Hospital's 4,400 colleagues and Rotherham Hospital's 5,150 colleagues via internal newsletters, websites and other communications channels.

Health inequalities evaluation

It is a key principle in healthcare service development that new interventions be assessed and evaluated for both intended and unintended impacts. The health inequalities subgroup for the MEOC programme (made up of representatives from all three trusts) aims to examine the impacts of establishing the new service on patients' access, experience, and outcomes of orthopaedic interventions.

The group is proposing a two-stage evaluation process:

1. To explore the baseline characteristics of patients engaged with orthopaedic services in the three Trusts, allowing for comparison of the characteristics of groups of patients, their wait times and outcomes before and after the implementation of services at the MEOC site. NB: once services have been implemented at the MEOC site, we will still review all orthopaedic services in order to explore what capacity is released at the main sites across the three Trusts as a result of the less complex procedures being undertaken at MEOC.
2. A second phase would add a qualitative element to this analysis, affording the option of examining variations in patient experience across the services offered.

This evaluation model will allow us to better identify existing and any potentially newly introduced inequalities within the service, and will be valuable in developing mitigation strategies to close the gap between patient groups. Similarly, if the service results in a reduction in inequalities, then the

evaluation will enable us to understand what is working and how/if this can be replicated in other service areas.

Summary

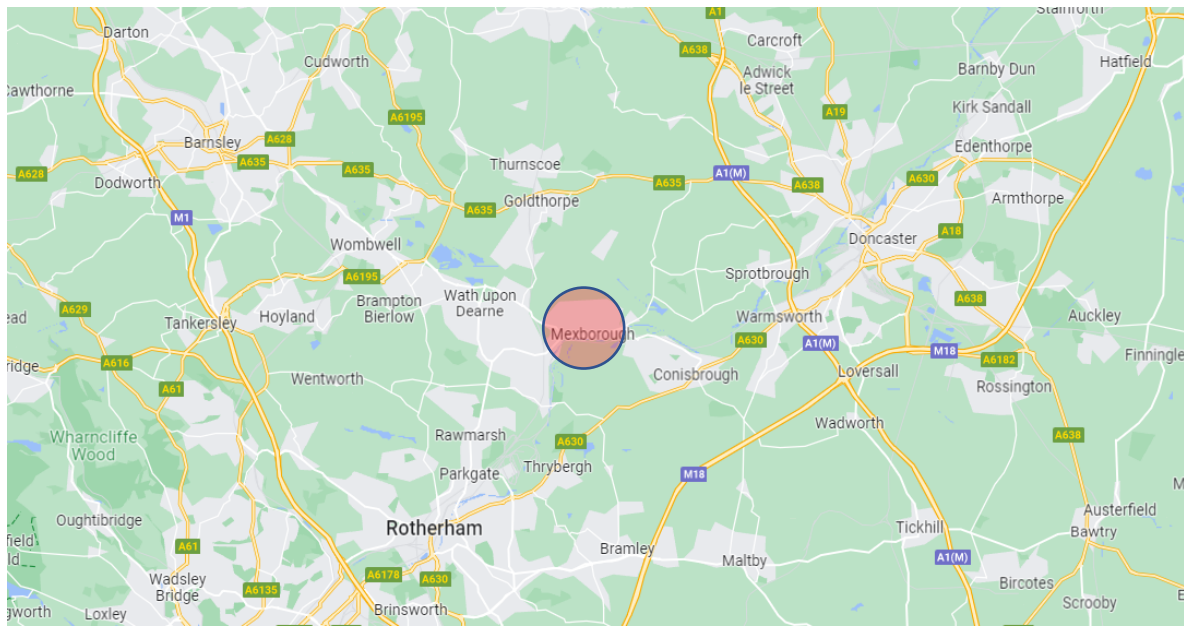
Good progress is being made in the development of Mexborough Elective Orthopaedic Centre of Excellence at Montagu Hospital in Mexborough, with the development on track to begin delivering services from January 2024.

Supported by the South Yorkshire ICB and NHS England the dedicated orthopaedic hub will help to reduce waiting lists and waiting times for patients needing orthopaedic procedures across Rotherham, Barnsley and Doncaster. It will also improve patient experience and patient outcome.

Stakeholder and citizen involvement and communication has been integral throughout the development to ensure patients and communities are considered throughout the development. Involvement and communications will continue to be an integral part of the MEOC programme into the delivery period of the services.

The £14.9 million development is a fantastic investment in healthcare for the region delivered from a central, accessible location, affected by health inequalities.

Appendix A – Transport details



By car: Mexborough is served by a number of major roads, and is 11.7 miles away from the M1 and 5.3 miles away from the A1. The site is also served by the Dearne Valley Parkway which separates Rotherham and Barnsley.

At Montagu Hospital there are 130 pay and display spaces in addition to 35 disabled bays. Limited off-site parking also exists.

The town is also served by numerous taxi services throughout South Yorkshire, including Uber.

By bus: Montagu Hospital is served directly by the following bus services:

- X20, X78, 221, 87 Doncaster and 87a Doncaster.

Additionally, Mexborough is served by an interchange (0.9 miles away from Montagu) which is served by:

- 208 Grimethorpe, 218 Barnsley Town Centre, 218a Barnsley Town Centre.
- 221 Doncaster Town Centre, 221 Windhill, X20 Doncaster Town Centre, 621 Conisborough, N6 Auckley.
- 221 Rotherham Centre, 218 Rotherham Centre.

A shuttle services also runs every hour between the hours of 8am and 6pm every weekday from Montagu Hospital and Doncaster Royal Infirmary. The cost to ride is 50p each way.

By train: An hourly Northern service runs between Doncaster, Conisborough, Mexborough, Swinton and Rotherham Central.

No direct rail exists between Barnsley and Mexborough, instead this would necessitate a change at Meadowhall – for a journey time of around 40 minutes.

Patient transport: Patient transport will be provided based upon pre-assessment documentation (from respective trusts) to support patients for whom transport is a barrier to accessing care.

Appendix – Communications and Engagement

Press releases

£14.9 million theatre facility to be created within Mexborough’s Montagu Hospital

Published 14 February 2023

Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals (DBTH) is set to receive £14.9 million of capital investment funding from NHS England (NHSE) to develop an elective orthopaedic centre at Montagu Hospital in Mexborough.

Working in partnership with Barnsley Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (BH) and The Rotherham Hospital Foundation Trust (TRFT), colleagues at DBTH will lead the programme to implement a new, dedicated orthopaedic hub for the people of South Yorkshire, with health professionals undertaking hip and knee replacement inpatient procedures alongside foot and ankle, hand and wrist, and shoulder day case surgery.

In the first year of operation the centre will undertake some 2,200 orthopaedic procedures on behalf of the three partner trusts, equating to about 40% of the current orthopaedic waiting list locally.

Known as the Montagu Elective Orthopaedic Centre (MEOC), the facility will feature two state-of-the-art theatre units, two anaesthetic rooms and a recovery suite, in addition to 12 inpatient beds in a dedicated orthopaedic facility. The development will also benefit from its placement within Montagu Hospital, co-located with rehabilitation services and with access to the planned Community Diagnostic Centre and a hydrotherapy pool.

Another benefit of its location in Mexborough is that Montagu Hospital is defined as a ‘cold site’ and does not provide emergency services. This means that, despite peaks in activity within the wider acute hospitals, the MEOC will be ringfenced and protected against the usual cancellations and postponements which can, unfortunately, be common as staff are moved elsewhere to help manage emergency pressures, particularly in winter.

Further planning is currently underway, with offsite construction of the theatres set to begin in May 2023 and expected to take around seven months to complete with the new centre opening in November 2023.

Mr Ranjit Pande, Clinical Director for Trauma and Orthopaedics at DBTH, and clinical lead for the project, said: “This is a wonderful development for the people of South Yorkshire, and a testament to our commitment to work together, as providers across the region, to do our very best for local patients. We will now work hard to develop this service, and, if all goes plan, we will be able to treat our first patients by the end of the year.”

Analysis provided by South Yorkshire Integrated Care System (ICS) outlines that the region’s waiting list is around 43% greater than it was in March 2020. At present, 2,500 patients have waited over 52 weeks for their operation, of which two thirds are waiting for an orthopaedic procedure.

Jon Sargeant, Executive Director of Recovery, Innovation and Transformation at DBTH, said: “This is a fantastic development and will see us significantly reduce the waiting list for operations such as knee and hip replacements, as well many other elective orthopaedic procedures.

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settings. Furthermore, it will help to outline our ambitions for Montagu Hospital as a centre of excellence for elective and diagnostic care, ensuring we are making the most of the site, and its unique and accessible location within the Dearne Valley.”

It is anticipated that, with shared staffing and additional capacity, the centre will operate on patients from across the region.

Bob Kirton, Deputy Chief Executive at Barnsley Hospital, said: “This investment provides an excellent opportunity for the people of South Yorkshire to benefit from easier access to the services and care that they need. I am really looking forward to the unit opening later this year.”

The development of the Montagu Elective Orthopaedic Centre has been supported by the South Yorkshire Integrated Care System as well as NHS England, and helps to fulfil ambitions of the latter’s Elective Recovery Plan which seeks to eliminate waits of longer than a year by March 2025.

Gavin Boyle, Chief Executive at NHS South Yorkshire, said: “We are working hard across our system to reduce the time that our patients are waiting for operations. This investment is extremely welcome and will provide us with a fantastic facility that will give people from across South Yorkshire better and faster access to services.

“I’m delighted to see our local hospitals coming together to provide high quality services in one place, helping to tackle our region’s waiting lists and deliver our ambitions with the elective recovery plan for South Yorkshire. By working together across our health and care system we can continue to drive forward improvements, such as this new centre, to provide the best possible experience of healthcare and ensure our local people have access to services they need to live well.”

Coverage:

- The Star – [Case submitted for new orthopaedic unit at South Yorkshire hospital to reduce nine week waiting list](#)
- Doncaster Free Press – [Ed Miliband welcomes £14.9 million theatre facility at Mexborough Montagu Hospital](#)
- Rotherham Advertiser – [New ‘state of the art’ multi-million pound orthopaedic centre to open in South Yorkshire’s Montagu Hospital](#)
- Barnsley Chronicle – [New facility will open following NHS funding](#)
- BBC Radio Sheffield – General update which ran in news bulletins.
- Doncaster, Barnsley and Rotherham Gazette

Construction to begin on £14.9 million theatre facility at Mexborough’s Montagu Hospital

Published 17 July 2023

Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals (DBTH) will commence construction works of an elective orthopaedic centre at Montagu Hospital in Mexborough later this week, following investment of almost £15 million from NHS England (NHSE).

Working in partnership with Barnsley Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (BH) and The Rotherham Hospital Foundation Trust (TRFT), colleagues at DBTH are leading the programme to implement a new, dedicated orthopaedic hub for the people of South Yorkshire, with health professionals undertaking hip and knee replacement inpatient procedures alongside foot and ankle, hand and wrist, and shoulder day case surgery.

Known currently as the Montagu Elective Orthopaedic Centre (MEOC), the facility will feature two state-of-the-art theatre units, two anaesthetic rooms and a recovery suite, in addition to 12 inpatient beds in a dedicated orthopaedic facility. The development will also benefit from its placement within Montagu Hospital, co-located with rehabilitation services and with access to the planned Community Diagnostic Centre, which will enhance local diagnostic capacity for illnesses such as cancer.

In the first year of operation, it is envisaged that the centre will undertake over 2,000 orthopaedic procedures on behalf of the three partner trusts, equating to about 40% of the current orthopaedic waiting list locally.

Another benefit of its location in Mexborough is that Montagu Hospital is that the site does not provide emergency services. This means that, despite peaks in activity within the wider acute hospitals, the MEOC will be ringfenced and protected against the usual cancellations and postponements which can, unfortunately, be common as staff are moved elsewhere to help manage emergency pressures, particularly in winter.

Construction begins this week, and is expected to take around seven months to complete with the new centre opening to patients in early 2024.

To commemorate this milestone, an official ground-breaking ceremony will take place later this week.

Jon Sargeant, Executive Director of Recovery, Innovation and Transformation and Deputy Chief Executive at DBTH, said: "This is a fantastic development and will see us significantly reduce the waiting list for operations such as knee and hip replacements, as well many other elective orthopaedic procedures.

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Bob Kirton, Deputy Chief Executive at Barnsley Hospital, said: "This investment provides an excellent opportunity for the people of South Yorkshire to benefit from easier access to the services and care that they need. I am really looking forward to the unit opening later in the coming months."

It is anticipated that, with shared staffing and additional capacity, the centre will operate on patients from across the region.

Michael Wright, Deputy Chief Executive of The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust, concludes: "The development of the Montagu facility will have a real positive impact on the patients of all three Trusts by providing additional capacity to improve waiting times and treating patients in a new state of the art dedicated facility."

Coverage:

- Doncaster Free Press – [Construction to begin on £14.9 million theatre facility at Mexborough’s Montagu Hospital](#)
- Doncaster, Barnsley and Rotherham Gazette

Construction commences on £14.9 Million Montagu Elective Orthopaedic Centre, Enhancing Orthopaedic Care in Mexborough

Published 24 July

Following a ground-breaking ceremony, construction works have officially begun on the Montagu Elective Orthopaedic Centre (MEOC) at Montagu Hospital in Mexborough.

The £14.9 million project represents a significant step toward improving orthopaedic services within the region and reducing associated waiting lists.

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Overseeing the ground-breaking ceremony, Richard Parker OBE, Chief Executive at DBTH said: “Today is a historic moment for Rotherham, Barnsley, and Doncaster as it marks the first time our three hospital trusts have come together to collaborate on such a significant project.

“By pooling our resources and expertise, we are setting a precedent for future collaborations, demonstrating our commitment to delivering the highest quality healthcare to our communities. The Montagu Elective Orthopaedic Centre represents a transformative milestone in our collective efforts to enhance patient outcomes and experiences and I’m very pleased that we have been able to come together in this way.”

The project is expected to take approximately six months to complete. The main theatre unit will be sited in September, followed by the installation of fittings and fixtures, set for completion in December. Following final checks, it is envisaged that the Montagu Elective Orthopaedic Centre will welcome its first patients in January 2024.

Dr Richard Jenkins, Chief Executive at both Barnsley Hospital NHS Foundation Trust and The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust, said: “This collaborative effort is a testament to our shared commitment to improving healthcare services for the people of South Yorkshire. I want extend my thanks to the dedicated project team who have worked tirelessly to bring us to this significant milestone and look forward to welcoming our first patients in the new year.”

Analysis provided by South Yorkshire Integrated Care System (ICS) outlines that the region’s waiting list has increased by approximately 43% since March 2020. Currently, over 2,500 patients have waited for more than 52 weeks, with two-thirds awaiting orthopaedic procedures.

Gavin Boyle, Chief Executive at NHS South Yorkshire, said: “This innovative endeavour signifies our commitment to improving healthcare services and reducing waiting lists across the region. The Montagu Elective Orthopaedic Centre is a testament to our collective efforts to deliver patient-centred care and improve health outcomes across our region. We look forward to the positive impact it will have on our communities and the tangible benefits it will bring to those in need of orthopaedic procedures.”

It is anticipated that, with shared staffing and additional capacity, the centre will operate on patients from across the region from January 2024.

Coverage:

- Doncaster Free Press – [Construction commences on £14.9 million Montagu Elective Orthopaedic Centre](#)
- Rotherham Advertiser – [Work has begun on new £14.9 million hospital unit](#)
- Barnsley Chronicle – [Ground broken on new hospital theatre](#)
- BBC Radio Sheffield – General update which ran in news bulletins.
- Doncaster, Barnsley and Rotherham Gazette

£15 million surgical unit at Montagu Hospital inches closer to completion

Published 5 October

A collaborative project between Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals, Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust and Barnsley Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, residents from across South Yorkshire who are awaiting orthopaedic ops will have the choice of receiving care and treatment at the MEOC once it opens in the new year.

In a modern twist to traditional building practices, the state-of-the-art theatre unit was not built in-situ but rather, manufactured using a pioneering approach to off-site construction.

This approach, utilised by partners ModuleCo, allows for the precise, efficient, and high-quality production of healthcare facilities to the stage where they are 90% complete before being transported to site. These practices not only streamline the building process, but they significantly improve quality control and minimise disruption on existing and busy hospital sites.

As much of the facility arrived at Montagu Hospital in late September, the team were able to capture the construction process (which took around three days), with time lapse cameras and drones. The final film, showing the rapid placement of the unit, can be viewed below.

The service will open its doors in early 2024, and will feature two state-of-the-art theatre units, two anaesthetic rooms and a recovery suite, in addition to 12 inpatient beds. Construction is being overseen by a project team which includes colleagues from all three participating NHS trusts, as well as construction experts IHP Vinci.

In the last few days, the facility has also received its official name, following a public vote. With over 1,600 local people taking the time to share their feedback, the name ‘Mexborough Elective Orthopaedic Centre of Excellence’ was the leading candidate with almost 60% of the vote, and will now feature on all official signage as the project nears completion.

Analysis provided by South Yorkshire Integrated Care System (ICS) outlines that the region's waiting list has increased by approximately 43% since March 2020. Currently, over 2,500 patients have waited for more than 52 weeks, with two-thirds awaiting orthopaedic procedures.

Jon Sargeant, Executive Director of Restoration, Innovation and Transformation at DBTH and Senior Responsible Officer for the MEOC, said: "It has been incredible to see the project develop at such a rapid pace. From initial works to the site's foundations in late July to a complete unit which you can now walkthrough is nothing short of phenomenal.

"Once we are able to open our doors in early 2024, we will have two state-of-the-art theatre units which will be able to operate on patients from Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham – helping us to minimise waiting lists locally and, crucially, ensure people get the care and treatment they need. A huge thank you to everyone who has been involved so far to get us to this significant milestone."

Following completion, patients from across South Yorkshire requiring operations such as hip and knee replacements will have the opportunity to receive care within the new facility, taking advantage of Mexborough's central position within South Yorkshire.

As the team complete construction, the MEOC project team are also asking for local people's views on the new service, and what things need to be considered to ensure patients receive the very best care, treatment and experience.

You can get involved by completing this short survey here: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/VS3CRSH>

Coverage:

- Doncaster Free Press – [£15 million surgical unit at hospital inches closer to completion](#)

Website articles

An update on the Montagu Elective Orthopaedic Centre

Published 12 September

In July, works officially started on the Montagu Elective Orthopaedic Centre (MEOC) in Mexborough, with the build now gathering momentum as we reach another significant milestone.

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The £14.9 million project represents a significant step toward improving orthopaedic services within the region and reducing associated waiting lists for hip and knee replacement inpatient procedures, as well as foot and ankle, hand and wrist, and shoulder day case surgery.

Analysis provided by South Yorkshire Integrated Care System (ICS) outlines that the region's waiting list has increased by approximately 43% since March 2020. Currently, over 2,500 patients have waited for more than 52 weeks, with two-thirds awaiting orthopaedic procedures.

Construction is proceeding according to plan, with the new building scheduled to be handed over by late December 2023.

Foundations and footings for the site are complete, and the state-of-the-art modular section, created using modern methods of construction, will be installed between 22 and 24 September. It is anticipated that once the appropriate fixtures and fittings are in place, the MEOC will care for its first patients in early 2024.

Additionally, a number of senior appointments have been made. Kate Carville will join as Clinical Lead Nurse, Chris Tulloch as Clinical Lead, and Karen McAlpine as Operational Lead, all of whom have significant clinical and corporate experience within the NHS, and will help develop the project further, as well as lead the unit once it becomes operational.

Plans for early recruitment of the unit are also in motion, which includes Newly Qualified Nurses and clinicians, as well as internationally recruited colleagues, amongst other specialist colleagues.

All participating trusts will share further updates as the project reaches its next milestone later this month, and as the unit draws closer to its opening date.

Works at Montagu Hospital

Published 21 September

In July, works officially started on the Montagu Elective Orthopaedic Centre (MEOC) in Mexborough, with the build now gathering momentum as we reach another significant milestone as the theatre unit, built off site, will arrive tomorrow at Montagu Hospital (Friday 22 September).

To be aware whilst these works are taking place –

Today, Thursday 21 September, a large crane arrive has arrived on site, with extremely large wagons coming to site Friday to Sunday manoeuvring and negotiating the internal road network to where the units will be placed in front of the Fred and Ann Rehabilitation building.

Due to the size of the wagons and complexities of taking delivery of the units, for this phase of the project it is necessary to restrict pedestrian and traffic activity along the inner road from 7am on

Friday morning through to 5pm on Sunday.

Extra personnel will be available advising colleagues, patients, and the public of the restrictions in place informing that access to the main building will be via OPD2 or the main entrance at Gate 3. Please note that the restrictions in place will be lifted by the contractors when it is safe to do so.

To allow for the large wagons to manoeuvre safely as they turn onto the inner road the disabled spaces in front of OPD 3 (OMFS/Podiatric Surgery building) will not be available.

Further information:

Friday – 22 September:

- Patients attending RDU between 7am and 8am will be informed to enter the main building via the double doors on the Comforts Fund corridor. Thereafter, the main entrance at MIU will be accessible.
- Visitors attending RDU or Rehab will be informed to use either the double doors on the Comforts Fund corridor or the main entrance at MIU.
- Colleagues are asked to use the main entrance at MIU or OPD 2.
- The main Admin doors on Cemetery Road are open from 7am.
- Colleagues who do not currently have Net 2 access to the main Admin doors but will require access before 7am please contact General Office so that your badge can be updated.

Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 September:

- Visitors attending Rehab will be informed to use the main entrance at MIU.
- Colleagues are asked to use the main entrance at MIU.
- Colleagues who do not currently have Net 2 access to the main Admin doors on Cemetery but will require access please contact General Office so that your badge can be updated.

Find out more about the Montagu Elective Orthopaedic Centre: <https://www.dbth.nhs.uk/news/an-update-on-the-montagu-elective-orthopaedic-centre/>

Help us name the new surgical centre at Montagu Hospital

Published 29 September

A collaborative project undertaken by Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals (DBTH), Barnsley Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (BH), and The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust (TRFT), the centre will feature two state-of-the-art theatre units, two anaesthetic rooms and a recovery suite, in addition to 12 inpatient beds.

Here's where you come in: We need your help naming the new facility, let us know your preference by completing this short form: <https://surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LGRY9CT>

How can we ensure that the MEOC offers the very best experience for its patients?

A £14.9 million project is currently underway at Montagu Hospital in Mexborough, which will bring elective surgery to the site.

A collaborative project undertaken by Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals (DBTH), Barnsley Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (BH), and The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust (TRFT), the centre will feature two state-of-the-art theatre units, two anaesthetic rooms and a recovery suite, in addition to 12 inpatient beds.

Initially, the purpose of the new unit will be to undertake hip and knee inpatient procedures, alongside foot, ankle, and, wrist and shoulder day case surgery.

In the first year of operation the centre will undertake some 2,200 orthopaedic procedures on behalf of the three partner trusts, equating to about 40% of the current orthopaedic waiting list locally.

If you live in Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham and need this kind of procedure, from 2024 there is the possibility that you will be offered your appointment at the MEOC (in addition to your nearest hospital).

As such, we want your views to understand how we can make experiences of care the very best they can be within our new facility (whether you're currently awaiting care, or just a resident in Barnsley, Rotherham and Doncaster).

Complete the short questionnaire here: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/VS3CRSH>

Mexborough Elective Orthopaedic Centre of Excellence (MEOC) nearing completion

Published 9 November

The Mexborough Elective Orthopaedic Centre of Excellence (MEOC), a ground-breaking collaboration between Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals (DBTH), Barnsley Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (BH), and The Rotherham Hospital Foundation Trust (TRFT), continues to gather momentum, with the facility due to be completed within the next 10 weeks, opening its doors to its first patients in the new year.

The MEOC is a dedicated orthopaedic hub with a total investment of £14.9 million, and will operate 48 weeks per year, five days a week, focusing on procedures such as hand and wrist surgeries, foot and ankle treatments, arm and shoulder procedures, carpals, knees, and hips. Its strategic location at Montagu Hospital in Mexborough, ensures that it remains insulated from the typical disruptions experienced by general hospitals, particular during periods of heightened activity in the winter.

With construction advanced and the facility water tight, senior leaders across all three participating trusts, as well as South Yorkshire Integrated Care System (ICS), were able to step inside the building and view the work-in-progress.

Jon Sargeant, Chief Financial Officer at DBTH and Senior Responsible Officer for the project, expressed his excitement about the project, stating: "The MEOC is a testament to our commitment to enhancing patient care and reducing waiting times for orthopaedic procedures. This collaboration marks a significant milestone in our efforts to improve healthcare services in South Yorkshire."

With the first patient procedures expected to commence in January 2024, the MEOC is expected to reduce associated waiting times in the region significantly, with the centre to undertake approximately 2,200 orthopaedic procedures in its first year of operation, which accounts for around 40% of the current orthopaedic waiting list.

Dr Richard Jenkins, Chief Executive of both Barnsley Hospital NHS Foundation Trust and The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust, added, "The MEOC represents a crucial addition to how we deliver healthcare. By offering specialised orthopaedic services in an out of hospital environment, we can undertake more operations and provide consistent, high-quality care while minimising disruptions and cancellations."

Patients from the collaborating hospitals in Rotherham, Doncaster, and Barnsley can easily access the MEOC, with it being centrally located in Mexborough and served by regular bus and train links, and the site is no more than 11 miles away from all participating hospital trusts.

As an additional service, those waiting for an orthopaedic procedure locally will have the opportunity to opt to have it undertaken at the MEOC, or instead within their local hospital.

Gavin Boyle, Chief Executive Officer of South Yorkshire Integrated Care System, emphasised the project's impact, saying, "The MEOC is a vital step toward reducing orthopaedic waiting lists and improving access to care. We are thrilled to see this facility come to life and look forward the positive difference it will make to the lives of South Yorkshire residents."

Before opening, simulations will be conducted to ensure the facility is patient-ready. In total, the MEOC will be supported by around 70 healthcare professionals. The centre will feature two state-of-the-art theatre units, two anaesthetic rooms and a recovery suite, in addition to 12 inpatient beds.

The team overseeing the project want to understand local people's views to ensure patients have the very best experience within the new facility. You can share your thoughts here: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/VS3CRSH>

A list of social media community groups directly posted to for communications/involvement

- Balby Notice Board
- Woodlands Neighbourhood Watch
- My Lundwood, Burton Grand and Cundy Cross
- Darton, Mapplewell, Staincross Community
- Manvers Neighbourhood
- Wheatley Hills and Clay Lane Community Group
- Bentley and Arksey Hub
- Tickhill Community Links
- Doncaster Community Group
- Wickersley Notice Board
- Retford News and Views
- Scawthorpe Neighbourhood Watch
- Worksop Information Page
- Wickersley Now!
- Rotherham Forum
- Sprotbrough Community Hub
- Auckley Community Folk
- Retford Information Page
- Rhodesia
- Finningley Folk
- Rossington Community Forum
- Sprotbrough Hub
- The Worksop Information Page
- Hatfield Residents Notices
- Barnsley Online
- Bawtry Residents Group
- Retford Information Page

- Mexborough Anything and Everything
- Doncaster Talk
- We Love Warmsworth
- Wadworth Village Forum
- Bolton-Upon-Dearne Discussions Group
- Wombwell Wise
- Goldthorpe and Surrounding Areas Community Forum
- Hexthorpe and Balby Residents
- Maltby Notice Board
- Greasborough Notice Board
- Worksop Community
- Woodlands, Adwick, Carcroft (and surrounding areas) Notice Board
- Goldthorpe, Barnburgh, Thurscoe and Hickleton
- Mexborough Uncensored
- Tickhill Community Forum
- Denaby and Conisborough Together
- Our Sprotbrough
- Bentley, Arksey and Toll Bar Community Forum
- Community Connections – Mexborough and Denaby
- Cusworth and Scawsby Community Forum
- Armthorpe Notice Board
- Thurnscoe
- Rawmarsh Chit Chat
- Thorne and Scholes Village

Additionally, the following community groups have been contacted to share messaging with their members and stakeholders:

- Adwick Family Hub
- Age UK Doncaster
- Alzheimer's Society
- Arksey communities ladies group
- Armthorpe Family Hub
- Asian Women Group
- Askern Community Hub
- Askern Family Hub
- B:Friend
- Balby & Hexthorpe Community Engagement CIC
- Balby Family Hub
- Be Well Doncaster
- Bentley Baptist Church
- Bentley Family Hub
- BME Doncaster United
- Central Family & Young People's Action Group

- Central Family Hub
- Changing Lives - Doncaster
- Chase
- Citizen's Advice Doncaster
- Making Space
- Creative Directions
- Denaby & Conisbrough Family Hub
- Dial Doncaster
- Dice Enterprise
- Doncaster And District Association For The Visually Impaired
- Doncaster Cancer Support Drop-in Centre
- CAT (Carers All Together) Group
- Doncaster Central Learning Centre CIC
- Doncaster Conversation Club
- Doncaster Deaf Trust
- Doncaster Ethnic Minority Regeneration Partnership
- Doncaster Food Bank (Trussell Trust)
- Doncaster Housing for Young People
- Doncaster MENCAP
- Doncaster Mind
- Doncaster Minster
- Doncaster Partnership for Carers
- Donmentia
- Edlington Community Organisation
- EXPECT Youth
- Glowing Mummas
- Healthwatch Doncaster
- Helping Hands Community Centre
- Herstory
- Hexthorpe youth drop in
- Highfields Community Partnership
- Hope Spring Horticulture
- Inspire Doncaster
- Intake Community Enterprise
- Mexborough Family Hub
- Moorends Family Hub
- Moorends Miners Welfare & Community Development Centre
- North Doncaster Development Trust
- People Focused Group
- Project 6 Doncaster
- REME Association Doncaster & District Branch
- Rossington Family Hub
- Rossington Miners' Welfare

- Rotary Club of Doncaster
- Sine FM
- Sprotbrough Community Library
- St Leger Homes
- Stainforth Family Hub
- The Avalon Group
- The Elpis Project - Aurora Wellbeing
- The Junction - Hexthorpe
- The Me Project
- Three Little Birds
- VoiceAbility
- Voluntary Action Doncaster
- Wheatley Family Hub
- YMCA Doncaster
- YWCA Yorkshire - Green Gables
- The Rainbow Project Rotherham
- Age UK Rotherham
- Rotherham Older People's Forum
- Apna Haq
- Tassibee
- REMA
- Rotherham Carers Forum
- Rotherham Parent Carer Forum
- S62 Community Together
- Mental Health Network
- RUFC Community Trust
- Rotherham Military Community Veterans' Centre
- Headway Rotherham
- Speakup
- Social Supermarket
- Speakup for autism
- Rotherham One Voice
- Barnardo's Young Carers
- Rotherfed
- Carers4Carers
- Children Young people & families voluntary sector consortium
- DART (Dinnington area Regen)
- Rotherham Minster
- Fishermens friends
- GROW
- High St Centre Rawmarsh
- Kashmiri and yemeni Older Peoples Grp
- Kimberworth Park Community Partnership

- Kiveton park and Wales community Development Trust
- Shiloh (homelessness support)
- RANSS (adult neurodiversity support)
- Sight and Sound Rotherham
- Rotherham Friends indeed (RFiD)
- Flourish Rotherham (Mowbray Gardens)
- Rotherham Rise
- Rush House - accomadation & support 16-25
- YAWR you asked.... Advocacy and support
- Council of Mosques
- Rotherham Churches Together
- Rotherham Life Group

Assorted social media posts in 2023

A selection of posts since 2023, taken from Facebook but mirrored across Twitter and Instagram. Spotlight on DBTH, but shared across all participating trusts.

Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust •
27 February · 🌐

Exciting times ahead for Montagu Hospital - in the past fortnight, we've announced around £30 million in investment for the site.

The first development will be an elective orthopaedic centre which will specialise in hip and knee replacement inpatient procedures alongside foot and ankle, hand and wrist, and shoulder day case surgery, significantly reducing local waiting lists.

The second part is a continuation of our Community Diagnostic Centre plans - developments will be joined by the creation of an imaging suite which will contain Static CT, MRI and ultrasound scanning facilities, significantly increasing the site's capacity to undertake diagnostic tests for illnesses such as cancer.

We have an exciting 12 months ahead for Mexborough, the Dearne Valley and Montagu Hospital!



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Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust •
16 May · 🌐

Huge investment incoming at Montagu Hospital

The Trust will spend around £40 million in the coming months as services at Montagu Hospital are enhanced and developed at the Mexborough site.

Recently a brand new £2 million Pain Management Unit has opened, whilst the Endoscopy Suite is being renovated, alongside new provisions for our Community Diagnostic Centre on site.... See more




Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust •
14 February · 🌐

£14.9 million theatre facility to be created within Mexborough's Montagu Hospital

Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals (DBTH) is set to receive £14.9 million of capital investment funding from NHS England (NHSE) to develop an elective orthopaedic centre at Montagu Hospital in Mexborough.

Working in partnership with Barnsley Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (BH) and The Rotherham Hospital Foundation Trust (TRFT), colleagues at DBTH will lead the programme to implement a...

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Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust •
21 July · 🌐

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Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust •
12 September at 19:00 · 🌐

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Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust •
25 July · 🌐

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Working in partnership with Bamsley Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (BH) and The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust (TRFT), colleagues at Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teachi... See more



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Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust •
12 June · 🌐

Tell us your views on Montagu Hospital - you could win a £25 voucher!

In the coming 12 months, we will invest more than £40 million in services at Montagu Hospital. We need your views to help inform plans for this investment.

This investment will see diagnostic services enhanced, a new elective theatre unit and a number of refreshed and refurbished facilities.

Montagu Hospital is part of our long-term plans as an organisation, and we want to make this site a centre of excellence for health services – serving the people of Doncaster, Bassetlaw and the wider Dearne Valley.

We want your views on Montagu Hospital as it stands, and what you might want to see in future.

Please take a few minutes to complete this survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/D8D3KNY>

As an incentive to take part, for those who complete the survey, we will pick three winners at random to win a £25 Love2Shop voucher.



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Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust 6 d · 🌐

It's all systems go at Montagu Hospital at the moment, as our state of the art theatre unit was installed today. This is part of a £14 million project to bring more elective surgery to Mexborough and reduce waiting lists for new hips, knees and other orthopaedic procedures.



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Part of the theatre unit which will make up the Montagu Elective Orthopaedic Centre being put into place yesterday. We are working with ModuleCo on this £14 million project, who provide the highest-quality healthcare facilities, designed and built off-site by their state-of-the-art manufacturing facility in the UK. ModuleCo are the UK's number one provider of operating theatres, also providing wards and other highly specialist facilities to the NHS and for private healthcare.... See more



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In July, works officially started on the Montagu Elective Orthopaedic Centre (MEOC) in Mexborough, with the build now gathering momentum as we reach another significant milestone as the theatre unit, built off site, will arrive tomorrow at Montagu Hospital (Friday 22 September).

To be aware whilst these works are taking place -

Today, Thursday 21 September, a large crane arrive has arrived on site, with extremely large wagons coming to site Friday to Sunday manoeuvring an... See more



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🔔 We're looking for an Assistant Project Manager to support with the implementation of the new Montagu Elective Orthopaedic Centre (MEOC).

- ✅ Band 5
- ✅ Fixed term: 6 months (Contract through to end of project 31/03/24)
- ✅ 37.5 hours per week... See more



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Help us name the new surgical centre at Montagu Hospital! Cast your vote, and be in with a chance to win £25 ⭐ There are two options - let us know your preference by completing this short form: <https://surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LGRY9CT>

For sharing your naming preference, we will draw one person at random to win a £25 Love2Shop on 3 October, so be quick! <https://surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LGRY9CT>



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Over 1,500 local people voted over the weekend on the name of our new surgical centre at Montagu Hospital in Mexborough. With 56% of the vote, we are pleased to announce that the service will be called the 'Mexborough Elective Orthopaedic Centre of Excellence' or M-E-OC for short.

The service will open its doors in early 2024, and will undertake procedures such as hips and knee replacements, along with other elective operations.

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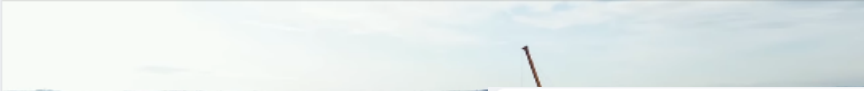
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A collaborative project between Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals, Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust and Barnsley Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, residents from across South Yorkshire who are awaiting orthopaedic ops will have the choice of receiving care and treatment at the MEOC once it opens in the new year.

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Share your views and you could win a £25 voucher! ★

Complete the short questionnaire here: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/VS3CRSH>

A £14.9 million project is currently underway at Montagu Hospital in Mexborough, which will bring elective surgery to the site.

A collaborative project undertaken by Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals (DBTH), Barnsley Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (BH), and The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust (TRFT), the centre will feature two state-of-the-art theatre units, two anaesthetic rooms and a recovery suite, in addition to 12 inpatient beds.

Initially, the purpose of the new unit will be to undertake hip and knee inpatient procedures, alongside foot, ankle, and, wrist and shoulder day case surgery.

In the first year of operation the centre will undertake some 2,200 orthopaedic procedures on behalf of the three partner trusts, equating to about 40% of the current orthopaedic waiting list locally.

If you live in Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham and need this kind of procedure, from 2024 there is the possibility that you will be offered your appointment at the MEOC (in addition to your nearest hospital).

As such, we want your views to understand how we can make experiences of care the very best they can be within our new facility (whether you're currently awaiting care, or just a resident in Barnsley, Rotherham and Doncaster).

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Selected comments

[Sharon Davies](#): Brilliant news 🍀

[May Pulham](#): Nice hospital. Thank you for information 👍

[Louise Gregory](#): Hope it's a better job than Bassetlaw because that is just ridiculous at the minute was not best for parking in first place now they took half the car parks away

[Ann Rutherford](#): Good news !

[Nora Gill](#): Excellent news

[Elaine Hodgkinson](#): and still the road leading to the dialysis unit at Bassetlaw is full of pot holes ! its disgraceful and dangerous , also damaging cars and the hospital transport vehicles, and not very nice for the patients travelling in them , GET SOME MONEY SPENT ON REPAIRING THIS ROAD, please

[Jools Smith](#): Hopefully parking won't be an issue like DRI is. Great to see investment in the regions NHS.

[Louise Christie](#): Wow!

[Martin Bright](#): Have had a hernia op and cataract op here, lovely friendly hospital and staff. Thanks 👍

[May Pulham](#): Such wonderful news

[Elizabeth Lisk](#): Mexborough, from the A1 it's 6 miles to MMH and 5 miles to DRI. A lot easier to MMH no town to navigate. 😊

[Susan Millwood](#): Anything extra for Montagu is welcomed but what is the life expectancy of the prefabricated building 🙄?

[Lyndzi Hamilton](#): Amazing news for the local community! Thank you to the local NHS/ICB for making this happen

[Dave Marshall](#): Great collaborative work 👍

[Patricia Anne Ling](#): Brilliant news having been on the waiting list for hip & knee replacement a year.

[Doris Glynglas](#): Great news

[Paul Davies](#): Fantastic news about time some money spent on Mexborough well done 🍀

[Lee Eddell](#) this is what you were talking about and are right it is at Mexborough

[Elaine Hodgkinson](#): Can you please spare some money to fix the pot holes in the roadway to the renal unit at Bassetlaw its ruining my wheels and tyres, disgusting !!

[Tracey Griffiths](#): What great news all are trusts coming together, looks amazing, I am sure all the Orthopaedic team will be great too pulling together ❤️

[Joyce Crabtree](#): Great news

[Margaret Walker](#): Great hospital well deserved

[Judy Kirk](#): Excellent investment from our great government

Internal messages (shared across all collaborating trusts)

Introducing the Montagu Elective Orthopaedic Centre

The Trust is set to receive £14.9 million of capital investment funding from NHS England (NHSE) to develop an elective orthopaedic centre at Montagu Hospital in Mexborough.

Working in partnership with Barnsley Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (BH) and The Rotherham Hospital Foundation Trust (TRFT), colleagues at DBTH will lead the programme to implement a new, dedicated orthopaedic hub for the people of South Yorkshire, with health professionals undertaking hip and knee replacement inpatient procedures alongside foot and ankle, hand and wrist, and shoulder day case surgery.

In the first year of operation the centre will undertake some 2,200 orthopaedic procedures on behalf of the three partner trusts, equating to about 40% of the current orthopaedic waiting list locally.

Known as the Montagu Elective Orthopaedic Centre (MEOC), the facility will feature two state-of-the-art theatre units, two anaesthetic rooms and a recovery suite, in addition to 12 inpatient beds in a dedicated orthopaedic facility. The development will also benefit from its placement within Montagu Hospital, co-located with rehabilitation services and with access to the planned Community Diagnostic Centre and a hydrotherapy pool.

Another benefit of its location in Mexborough is that Montagu Hospital is defined as a 'cold site' and does not provide emergency services. This means that, despite peaks in activity within the wider acute hospitals, the MEOC will be ringfenced and protected against the usual cancellations and postponements which can, unfortunately, be common as staff are moved elsewhere to help manage emergency pressures, particularly in winter.

Further planning is currently underway, with offsite construction of the theatres set to begin in May 2023 and expected to take around seven months to complete with the new centre opening in November 2023.

Analysis provided by South Yorkshire Integrated Care System (ICS) outlines that the region's waiting list is around 43% greater than it was in March 2020. At present, 2,500 patients have waited over 52 weeks for their operation, of which two thirds are waiting for an orthopaedic procedure.

It is anticipated that, with shared staffing and additional capacity, the centre will operate on patients from across the region.

Construction commences on £14.9 Million Montagu Elective Orthopaedic Centre

Following a ground-breaking ceremony, construction works have officially begun on the Montagu Elective Orthopaedic Centre (MEOC) at Montagu Hospital in Mexborough.

The £14.9 million project represents a significant step toward improving orthopaedic services within the region and reducing associated waiting lists.

Working in partnership with Barnsley Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (BH) and The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust (TRFT), colleagues at Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals (DBTH) are leading the programme to implement a new, dedicated orthopaedic hub for the people of South Yorkshire, with health professionals undertaking hip and knee replacement inpatient procedures alongside foot and ankle, hand and wrist, and shoulder day case surgery.

Known currently as the Montagu Elective Orthopaedic Centre (MEOC), the facility will feature two state-of-the-art theatre units, two anaesthetic rooms and a recovery suite, in addition to 12 inpatient beds. Construction is being overseen by a project team which includes colleagues from all three participating NHS trusts, as well as construction experts IHP Vinci.

Overseeing the ground-breaking ceremony, Richard Parker OBE, Chief Executive at DBTH said: “Today is a historic moment for Rotherham, Barnsley, and Doncaster as it marks the first time our three hospital trusts have come together to collaborate on such a significant project.

“By pooling our resources and expertise, we are setting a precedent for future collaborations, demonstrating our commitment to delivering the highest quality healthcare to our communities. The Montagu Elective Orthopaedic Centre represents a transformative milestone in our collective efforts to enhance patient outcomes and experiences and I’m very pleased that we have been able to come together in this way.”

The project is expected to take approximately six months to complete. The main theatre unit will be sited in September, followed by the installation of fittings and fixtures, set for completion in December. Following final checks, it is envisaged that the Montagu Elective Orthopaedic Centre will welcome its first patients in January 2024.

Dr Richard Jenkins, Chief Executive at both Barnsley Hospital NHS Foundation Trust and The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust, said: “This collaborative effort is a testament to our shared commitment to improving healthcare services for the people of South Yorkshire. I want extend my thanks to the dedicated project team who have worked tirelessly to bring us to this significant milestone and look forward to welcoming our first patients in the new year.”

Analysis provided by South Yorkshire Integrated Care System (ICS) outlines that the region’s waiting list has increased by approximately 43% since March 2020. Currently, over 2,500 patients have waited for more than 52 weeks, with two-thirds awaiting orthopaedic procedures.

Gavin Boyle, Chief Executive at NHS South Yorkshire, said: “This innovative endeavour signifies our commitment to improving healthcare services and reducing waiting lists across the region. The Montagu Elective Orthopaedic Centre is a testament to our collective efforts to deliver patient-centred care and improve health outcomes across our region. We look forward to the positive impact it will have on our communities and the tangible benefits it will bring to those in need of orthopaedic procedures.”

It is anticipated that, with shared staffing and additional capacity, the centre will operate on patients from across the region from January 2024.

An update on the MEOC

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The £14.9 million project represents a significant step toward improving orthopaedic services within the region and reducing associated waiting lists for hip and knee replacement inpatient procedures, as well as foot and ankle, hand and wrist, and shoulder day case surgery.

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project team which includes colleagues from all three participating NHS trusts, as well as construction experts IHP Vinci.

Works are now well underway, with the foundations and footings for the site complete, and the state-of-the-art modular section of the build ready to be installed on 22 September. It is anticipated that once the appropriate fixture and fittings are in place, the MEOC will care for its first patients in early 2024.

Additionally, a number of senior appointments have been made. Kate Carville will join as Clinical Lead Nurse, Chris Tulloch as Clinical Lead, and Karen McAlpine as Operational Lead, all of whom will help develop the project further, as well as lead the unit once it becomes operational.

As the project gains momentum, here is a comprehensive overview of the progress made across key aspects of the Montagu Elective Orthopaedic Centre, from our project leads, James Nicholls, Chris Tulloch and Kate Carville:

- **The Clinical Model:** The allocation of theatre slots to surgeons by subspecialty and Trust is nearing completion. This intricate task has posed its fair share of challenges, but the concerted efforts of healthcare professionals involved have brought us close to a resolution.

In addition, discussions are underway to streamline interfaces between MEOC and clinical support services, such as radiology, pathology, and pharmacy. Efforts are also being made to ensure that the impact of both MEOC and the new Community Diagnostic Centre (CDC) at Montagu Hospital is seamless. The development of standard operating procedures, sourced from national exemplars, is in progress, with the aim of sharing them by mid-September and finalising them by mid-October.

- **Staffing model:** The clinical staffing model has undergone multiple reviews and is now nearly finalised. Plans for early recruitment activities are in motion, which includes Newly Qualified Nurses and clinicians, as well as internationally-recruited colleagues.
- **Construction:** The construction project is proceeding according to plan, with the new building scheduled to be handed over to the Trust by 18 December 2023. Good progress has been achieved on-site, with preparations for modular theatres and refurbishment work in rehabilitation areas well underway. The delivery of modular theatres to the site will occur 22 September, and will be complete by 24 September.
- **Equipment and Instrumentation:** The standardisation of equipment and instrumentation across all three partner trusts has been largely agreed upon. Key equipment with long lead times is in the process of being ordered, ensuring that MEOC will be equipped with the necessary tools for top-tier orthopaedic care.

The next milestone for the project will be late September, when we will share further updates and images of the new facility. You can find out more about the [project here](#).

The MEOC inches closer to completion

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In a modern twist to traditional building practices, the state-of-the-art theatre unit was not built in-situ but rather, manufactured using a pioneering approach to off-site construction (a similar method was employed when creating our [new theatre unit within the Women's and Children's Hospital](#)).

This approach, utilised by partners ModuleCo, allows for the precise, efficient, and high-quality production of healthcare facilities to the stage where they are 90% complete before being transported to site. These practices not only streamline the building process, but they significantly improve quality control and minimise disruption on existing and busy hospital sites.

As much of the facility arrived at Montagu Hospital in late September, the team were able to capture the construction process (which took around three days), with time lapse cameras and drones. The final film, showing the rapid placement of the unit, can be viewed below.

The service will open its doors in early 2024, and will feature two state-of-the-art theatre units, two anaesthetic rooms and a recovery suite, in addition to 12 inpatient beds. Construction is being overseen by a project team which includes colleagues from all three participating NHS trusts, as well as construction experts IHP Vinci.

In the last few days, the facility has also received its official name, following a public vote. With over 1,600 local people taking the time to share their feedback, the name 'Mexborough Elective Orthopaedic Centre of Excellence' was the leading candidate with almost 60% of the vote, and will now feature on all official signage as the project nears completion.

Analysis provided by South Yorkshire Integrated Care System (ICS) outlines that the region's waiting list has increased by approximately 43% since March 2020. Currently, over 2,500 patients have waited for more than 52 weeks, with two-thirds awaiting orthopaedic procedures.

Jon Sargeant, Executive Director of Restoration, Innovation and Transformation at DBTH and Senior Responsible Officer for the MEOC, said: "It has been incredible to see the project develop at such a rapid pace. From initial works to the site's foundations in late July to a complete unit which you can now walkthrough is nothing short of phenomenal.

"Once we are able to open our doors in early 2024, we will have two state-of-the-art theatre units which will be able to operate on patients from Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham – helping us to minimise waiting lists locally and, crucially, ensure people get the care and treatment they need. A huge thank you to everyone who has been involved so far to get us to this significant milestone."

Once complete, patients from across South Yorkshire requiring operations such as hip and knee replacements will have the opportunity to receive care within the new facility, taking advantage of Mexborough's central position within South Yorkshire.

As the team complete construction, the MEOC project team are also asking for local people's views on the new service, and what things need to be considered to ensure patients receive the very best care, treatment and experience.

You can get involved by completing this short survey here: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/VS3CRSH>

JHOSC Annual Work Programme 2023-24

Item	Description	Lead Officer (s)	Report deadline
Meeting – 7 th December 2023 14:00 Sheffield Town Hall			29/11/2023
Oncology Review	Update for JHOSC on the position with regard to this review. To consider the Committee’s position with regard to formal consultation.	Julia Jessop; Trish Fisher; Emma Latimer; Erin Brady – Cancer Alliance	
New Orthopaedic Centre at Mexborough.	Report for information		
Work programme	Updated work programme proposed by LA and NHS officers	Deborah Glen	
Meeting – March 2024 Date and time tbc			tbc
YAS Strategy and Services	To consider the outcomes from the Strategy consultation and the new Strategy	Prof Adam Layland, YAS	
Work programme	Standard item	Deborah Glen	
Meeting – June 2024 Date and time tbc			tbc
Dentistry	to look at progress since the regional event taking place on 30/11/23	Tbc	
Work programme	Standard item	LA officers – Deborah Glen	
Meeting – September 2024			

Date and time tbc			Tbc
Work programme	Standing item	LA officers – Deborah Glen	
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