

# Construction begins

## Revitalising KEMH

BHB continues to revitalize KEMH. Here are some current projects:

- The ward renovation project continues at KEMH. Gordon ward upgrades are continuing and Curtis ward will begin later this spring. Due to high occupancy at KEMH over the last few months, there has been some delay as rooms have not been able to be vacated.
- About 60% of the 160 hurricane rated, energy efficient, tinted windows have been installed. Replacement of windows in ward rooms is subject to the rooms being available, and there is currently high patient demand for beds. This project is targeted for completion by year's end.
- The Beresford Swan Dialysis unit's upgrade is now complete and was officially opened on World Kidney Day by the Minister of Health. Work was completed exclusively on weekends during 36 consecutive hours between Saturday evenings and Monday mornings, to minimise disruption to dialysis patients.
- Queen Elizabeth II Nurses' Residence has been completely emptied. Those who lived in QENR are now living at external facilities such as Horizons and Grape Bay. Education Services have moved into Montrose Cottage on the KEMH site. Those who had administrative offices in QENR, including HR Recruitment and Credit, are now at Craig Appin House in Hamilton.
- A waste management upgrade will be completed this spring to streamline the way medical waste is handled, reducing risk to those who process it.
- The first floor KEMH cafeteria, which is open to the public, is being upgraded.
- All phases of the staff car park at the corner of Berry Hill Road and Point Finger Road are open.



The KEMH site in 2014.

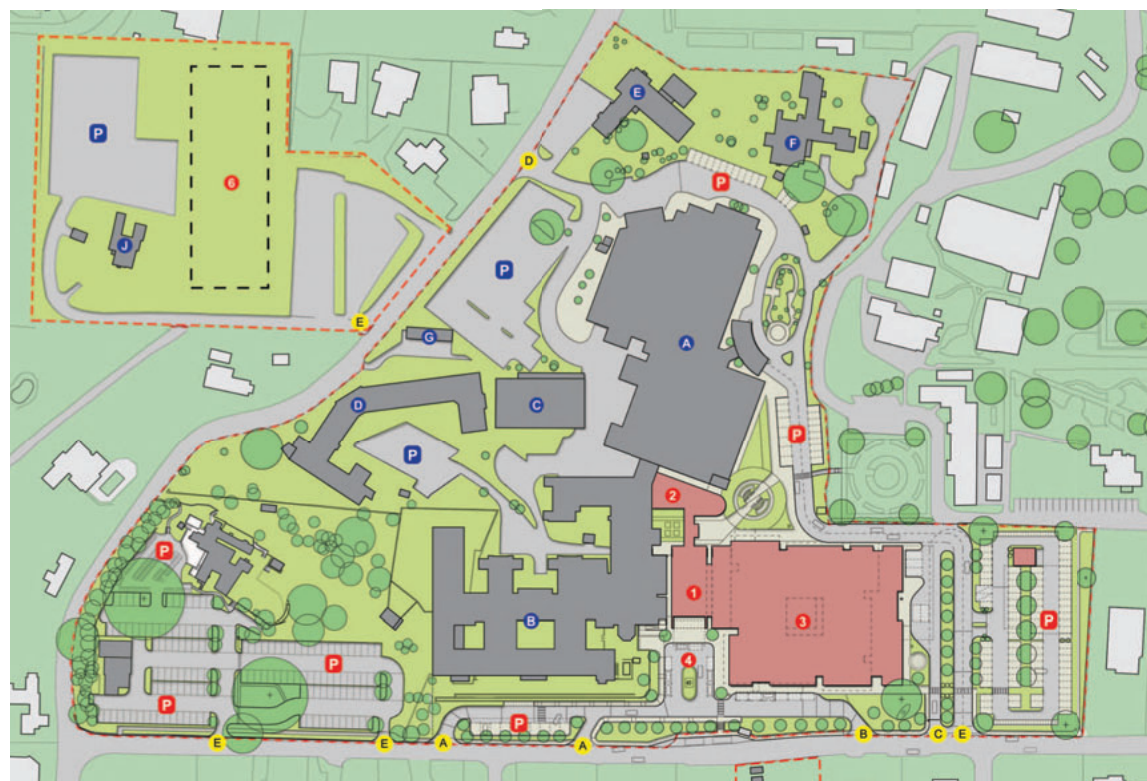
## New Building on the KEMH Site

BHB has chosen to deliver the new building through a public private partnership (PPP) that transfers many of the project's risks, such as cost overruns and on time completion, to Paget Health Services, BHB's private partner. The PPP model also allows for cost certainty, and frees funds to be used by BHB now to improve patient care and facilities because the first payment on the new building will not be made until 2014.

Since December, Paget Health Services (PHS) has already:

- demolished existing structures on the new building's site, with the exception of a sewage pump house
- built a new pedestrian walkway to the Botanical Gardens on the south end of the construction site
- begun bulk excavation
- begun the new vehicular entrance to the Botanical Gardens that runs parallel to the pedestrian walkway. The public will be informed when it is complete.
- installed, where possible, temporary sidewalks along Point Finger Road. In 2014, a sidewalk will run along the full length of Point Finger Road, on BHB land, from Berry Hill Road to the south end of the KEMH site.

In order to begin construction on the new building, PHS will be closing the current main entrance road to KEMH from Point Finger Road. This will happen in several weeks' time, once the alternate vehicle route to the existing hospital is complete. The public will be given ample notice of the closure.



### Do people need special Infection Control training to work on the KEMH site?

Yes. It is extremely important that supervisors know how to minimise the risks that might lead to infection in vulnerable patients.

It is BHB policy that all supervisors on any BHB site (for example contractors/subcontractors, project managers, site foremen, design professionals, architects, engineers, facilities managers, occupational health professionals and risk managers working in healthcare facilities) must complete a Canadian Standards Association (CSA) Infection Control full-day training programme or equivalent. BHB brings a certified CSA instructor to Bermuda on a regular basis.

If you wish to attend a full-day session, email [infection.control@bhb.bm](mailto:infection.control@bhb.bm) or call 239-1201. The next programme runs on 19 May.

