

Paget Health Services & BHB sign contract

Revitalising KEMH

BHB is focused on moving staff and services away from the new building's construction site while ongoing projects being carried out by BHB to revitalize KEMH continue. Here are some current projects:

- The new substation at the corner of Berry Hill Road and Point Finger Road is now operational. The old substation, which is in the midst of the new building's site, has been decommissioned.
- The Diabetes Education Centre, Asthma Education Centre and Cardiac Care Education Programme have moved to the newly renovated Fairview Court facility on the MWI campus in Devonshire. The Cardiac Diagnostic Unit (ECG, Echo, Stress tests, etc) remains on the third floor of KEMH, along with BHB's Chief of Cardiology, Dr Carl Levick.
- The Centre for Cancer Care has moved to the area vacated by the Diabetes Education Centre, off the KEMH lobby.
- Phases one and two of the Springfield Car Park at the corner of Berry Hill Road and Point Finger Road are open, with the remaining phase to open this month and additional landscaping to commence.
- The upgrades of Perry and Cooper wards have been completed, Gordon ward is approximately 40% completed and Curtis is projected to start April 2011.
- A full refurbishment of all clinical areas, reception and offices in the Beresford Swan Dialysis Unit will be substantially complete this month.
- The patient advocate office/visitors lounge on the third floor will be complete this month.
- 160 hurricane rated, energy efficient, tinted windows are being installed, with about 40% installed by the end of this year.
- Parking is no longer permitted at the "Old Hospital", 'Gladwyn' (9 Point Finger Road) and 'Banana Patch' (11/13 Point Finger Road). These areas have been closed so that the site can be cleared to make way for the new building. The parking lot adjacent to the Continuing Care Unit remains open. Access to the Botanical Gardens and hospital from Point Finger Road remain unaffected at this time.



Staff parking lot now open at Berry Hill and Point Finger roads.



New Building on the KEMH Site

BHB has signed a project agreement with Paget Health Services to design, build, finance and maintain a new building on the King Edward VII Memorial Hospital site. Paget Health Services (PHS) is a consortium of local and international firms with knowledge and experience appropriate for this project. PHS will now have access to the hospital site to begin construction.

Here's how the BHB-PHS partnership works: PHS pays for the construction of the new hospital building, and BHB pays nothing until it is complete in three years' time to BHB's specifications. This means BHB has had time to plan in advance for the payments to PHS that will begin in 2014 when the building is complete.

In 2014, BHB makes a lump sum payment. After that, rather like a mortgage, BHB makes annual repayments to PHS for the duration of the concession (30 years).

Unlike a usual mortgage, however:

- the annual repayments cover the capital cost of the project, including design, construction, construction management, and financing the construction as well as building and lifecycle maintenance
- BHB retains ownership of the land and new building
- the new building must be maintained in accordance with BHB's specifications for 30 years

Repayments are subject to deductions by BHB if the new building is not performing to BHB's pre-determined specifications and standards. This transfer of performance risk is one of the key benefits of a Public Private Partnership.

Who will be hiring construction workers for the new hospital building?

The trade contractors to be appointed by BCM McAlpine will hire workers for the new building.

BHB will continue with renovation projects, like those listed to the left, at the existing KEMH building and nurses' residence using BHB's usual procurement process via tender.



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