

## News

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### Work begins on the Urgent Care Centre at Crawley Hospital



Construction work has started on the Urgent Care Centre (UCC) and Sub Acute Ward at Crawley Hospital. The UCC will see the creation of a bigger, improved unit for non-emergency admissions, a dedicated Paediatrics area and an enlarged Clinical Assessment Unit.

The multi-million pound project is a major initiative driven by NHS Crawley Clinical Commissioning Group and NHS Horsham and Mid Sussex Clinical Commissioning Group and will be constructed by Morgan Sindall, under operational direction from Community Solutions Partnership Services Limited. Both MSCI and CSPS were appointed under the NHS LIFT platform by West Sussex Community Solutions for NHS Property Services.

Commenting on behalf of NHS Crawley Clinical Commissioning Group, Clinical Chief Officer, Dr Amit Bhargava said: "The planned improvements will help save hundreds of patients each year from travelling to hospitals further afield.

"Public feedback has been clear, that you want to see more services provided in Crawley and this expansion project is part of our commitment to have services closer to the communities they serve."

Nicki Leighton, Head of Service, Sussex Community NHS Foundation Trust said, "This is great news for the local community of Crawley and the surrounding area, for Crawley Hospital and for our staff. Once the building works are complete in the Urgent Care Centre, we will have an enlarged and modernised reception area. There will be separate waiting areas for young children and for teenagers. Works will also start on enlarging the Clinical Assessment Unit to accommodate more assessment beds and a new ambulatory area, which will greatly increase capacity and scope of the service."

The improvement works are scheduled to be completed late 2016/early 2017.