



Engage e-newsletter

Issue 5

Welcome to the fifth edition of our engage e-newsletter all about Midland Met. It's official, so mark your calendars! [Midland Metropolitan University Hospital](#) in Smethwick now officially belongs to the Trust. Even more exciting, Trust Board has given the go ahead to officially open the doors to our new hospital on 6th October.

This is a major milestone on our journey to opening Midland Met, especially as we move closer to welcoming our first patients. The new hospital will



finally bring together the Trust's acute and emergency services into the state of the art facility. Situated in a vibrant redevelopment area, this will become the central hub for healthcare in our region. Get ready to step into the future of healthcare! You can take a closer look at our new hospital by watching this fly through video: <https://youtu.be/hBk0rk6mu3Y>

Acute care services from Sandwell Hospitals including its emergency department (A&E), diagnostics and inpatient wards, will relocate to Midland Metropolitan University Hospital on 6th October. Following a settling in period, maternity and neonatal services from City Hospital will begin their journey to Midland Met on 6th November, closely followed by City Hospital's emergency department (A&E), diagnostics and inpatient wards on 10 November. City hospital's GP front end will also move to Midland Met and be located into a temporary Urgent Treatment Centre at the back of the hospital.

Our Sandwell and City sites will continue to provide planned care services, such as outpatient appointments, diagnostics and day-case treatments, including surgeries for patients needing up to 23 hours of care.

And, with the upcoming change of use for our Trust hospital sites, it's only fitting the names of our site better reflect their future functions.

Read on to find out more.

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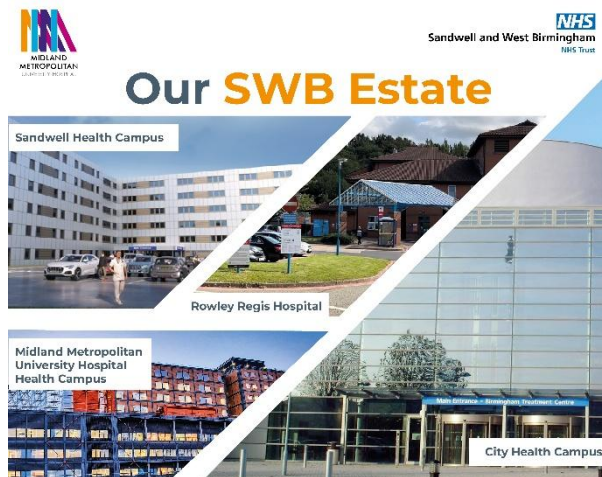
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Focus on Midland Met

From hospital to health campus

From October 2024, the Midland Met site will be renamed the Midland Metropolitan University Hospital Health Campus. This campus will include Midland Met hospital, a community garden and, by 2025, it will also feature a learning campus and a permanent urgent treatment centre. Upon opening in October 2024, the site will have an interim urgent treatment centre.



The Sandwell General Hospital site will be renamed the [Sandwell Health Campus](#). It will have the Sandwell Treatment Centre, offering outpatient appointments and care, diagnostics (x-rays, MRIs, CT scans), blood tests and day procedures for patients needing care for up to 23 hours. The site will also include the Lyndon Primary Care Centre, an urgent treatment centre, the Trust headquarters and education centre.

From November, the City Hospital site will be known as [City Health Campus](#). It will include the Birmingham Treatment Centre, the Birmingham Midlands Eye Centre (BMEC), and the Sheldon Block, which will offer services like dermatology, therapy hubs and a pharmacy.

Rowley Regis Hospital will keep its current services, with the addition of Stroke rehabilitation services relocating there from Sandwell. Leasowes and the Trust's community and primary care services have also expanded, with more care being delivered directly in people's homes.

Services at Midland Met

Getting to know our SWB estate

Sandwell and West Birmingham



City Health Campus will have:

Birmingham Treatment Centre - offering outpatients, diagnostics and day case treatments, including those through operating theatres

Birmingham and Midland Eye Centre

Sheldon Block - hosting a variety of services including dermatology, pharmacy hub and therapies



Rowley Regis Hospital provides comprehensive community services:

- Outpatient services including musculoskeletal and blood testing
- Diagnostics
- Community intermediate care beds
- Day treatment
- Community teams - Integrated Community Stroke Service, District Nursing, iCares



Midland Metropolitan University Hospital Health Campus

Our acute care services, emergency department, diagnostics and inpatient wards will be centralised at Midland Metropolitan University Hospital.

Services will include:

- Adult and Children's emergency departments
- Urgent Treatment Centre
- Same Day Emergency Care
- Critical care
- Children's units
- Emergency/elective surgery
- Acute medical unit
- Surgical assessment unit
- Medical day case unit
- Imaging and diagnostics
- Maternity services including Serenity
- Neonatal
- Emergency Gynaecology Assessment Unit
- Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia department
- Cardiology services
- Pathology lab
- Physiology department
- Haematology, Orthopaedic, Stroke, Gastroenterology, Respiratory and Toxicology wards
- Education Centre



Sandwell Health Campus will have:

Sandwell Treatment Centre - offering outpatients, diagnostics and day case treatments, including those through operating theatres

Urgent Treatment Centre
Lyndon Primary Care Centre
Clinical Research Facility

The campus will also house the Trust Headquarters, Education Centre and administration facilities - in the Trinity House and Hallam buildings.



Leasowes Intermediate Care Centre

offers short-term, individual and holistic rehabilitation programmes to help people improve their independence with everyday tasks such as washing, dressing, walking and eating.

- Community intermediate care beds



COMMUNITY SERVICES

ICARES, District Nursing, Integrated Community Stroke Service, School Nursing, Health Visiting, Specialist Nursing Teams (Continence, Heart Failure), Sexual Health Services, Community Rehabilitation Teams, Case Management Team, Foot Health, Admissions Avoidance Team, Musculoskeletal Clinics, Hand Therapy Service, Specialist Diabetes Service, Community Paediatric Nursing, Specialist Nursing & Therapy Teams, Respiratory Team, HIV Clinic, virtual wards & other primary care services.

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The new hospital will provide acute and emergency care to our local communities in Sandwell and West Birmingham. When it opens, services at the new hospital will include a purpose-built emergency department with imaging and diagnostic services. It will also have a separate children's emergency department and assessment unit, complete with its own walk-in entrance next to the main emergency department.

It will also include adult and children's wards (736 beds with 50 per cent of beds being single ensuite rooms); 13 operating theatres for emergency, major planned surgery and maternity; a midwife led birth unit next to a delivery suite, triage, two maternity wards and an antenatal clinic, day assessment unit and Fetal medicine unit; a neonatal unit; Same day emergency care (SDEC) for adults and the regional Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia Centre.

For more information, [click here](#).

Virtual wards

Virtual Wards is a key part of healthcare at Midland Met and will enable patients to receive hospital-level care at home, speeding up recovery while freeing up hospital beds. A team of healthcare professionals provides tests and treatments, including blood tests and medication, with daily reviews and discussions with a specialist doctor via video meetings. Some patients may use apps, wearables, and other devices to monitor their health, allowing staff to easily track their progress.



The Trust has six Virtual Wards for respiratory; frailty; cardiology; EPICENTRE; palliative care and Paediatrics. For more information about virtual wards [watch this video](#).

New Learning Campus at Midland Met to Create Job Opportunities

Sandwell College and Sandwell and West Birmingham NHS Trust have signed an important agreement that will bring hundreds of jobs and training opportunities for people in the region each year.

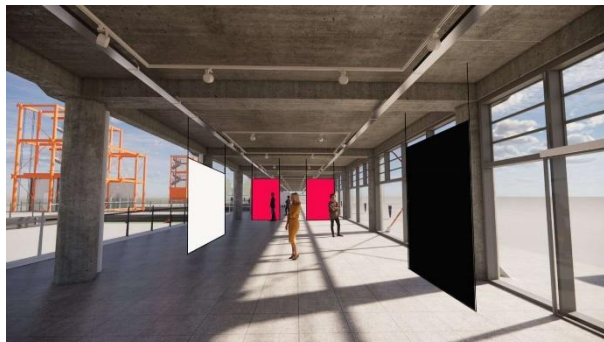


The agreement focuses on a new £18 million Learning Campus being built at the Midland Metropolitan University Hospital site which is set to open in 2025. The new facility will offer students at Sandwell College direct access to training within the hospital.

The Learning Campus represents a significant step forward in addressing the growing demand for skilled healthcare professionals, directly linking education to the local job market. School leavers and adult students enrolling in September 2024 will be the first to benefit from this innovative initiative. [Click here to read more.](#)

Midland Met Art Gallery Receives £100k Funding Boost

Spanning 288 feet long, our new Midland Metropolitan University Hospital in Smethwick will feature what could be the world's largest art gallery within a hospital. The People's Gallery will showcase art and host performances and workshops. Located on the fifth



floor, this unique space will be open to patients, visitors, and staff when the hospital opens later this year. A £100,000 grant from Arts Council England is funding the gallery's design and development to ensure it also becomes a vibrant centre for creativity and community engagement. [Click here to read more.](#)

Getting to Midland Met

Located less than a mile from City Health Campus, Midland Met Campus will have excellent bus and rail links. When Midland Met opens, buses 54 and 89 will stop directly at the main public entrance, while buses 82 and 87 will be a short walk away. Other routes, including 11A/11C, 80, 21, 22, and 54/54A, will stop near the hospital. Rolfe Street station is within walking distance for those travelling by train.



If you're travelling to Midland Met by car, there will be 400 parking spaces

including disabled parking spaces for patients and visitors. These will be located underneath the hospital on Level 0 which can be accessed via Grove Lane. Electric car charging spaces will also be available. There are also drop-off areas outside the emergency department and the main entrance.

For more information about getting to Midland Met [click here](#).

Getting the message out

It's big news and the Trust is working on letting our local communities know about the changes to services. You'll notice more signage around our hospitals too.



People in Sandwell will begin to see adverts and news, plus receive information about the changes from mid-September. Our West Birmingham communities will see the adverts and news, plus receive information about the changes from mid-October.

We're still on the road

Remember, our Midland Met bus is also doing the rounds at our hospital sites and in the community. Since September 2023, the Trust has bus has engaged with more than 5,000 people and visited over 95 diverse locations including libraries, children's centres, health centres, and Trust sites.



With the opening of Midland Met nearly a month away, we're planning more locations and outreach, to make sure our communities are informed!

To find out where the bus will be next and speak to us, [click here](#).

Would you like to be a Midland Met volunteer?

Our Midland Met volunteering team is looking for volunteers to help people find their way around the new nine floor hospital when it opens next year. If you, or someone you know, would like to support us at Midland Met, watch Pat's video about volunteering opportunities [here](#).

For more information or register your interest in volunteering at Midland Met, email: patriciahunt@nhs.net or call 07790 351 490.

Engagement Membership

It's easy to become a member and get involved. As a member, we will send you updates and opportunities to share your views, experiences and opinions with us. These include taking part in surveys and attending engagement events and information sessions. You can take part in as much or as little as you like.

If someone you know would like to join, they can now complete an [online application](#), email swbh.engagement@nhs.net or call 0121 507 2671. For more information [click here](#).



Let's Talk

For more information or to find out how you can get involved, here's how you can reach us:

- Phone: 0121 507 2671
- Email: swbh.engagement@nhs.net
- Website: www.swbh.nhs.uk/get-involved
- X (formerly Twitter): [@SWB_engagement](https://twitter.com/SWB_engagement)

