

National Rehabilitation Centre

Update report

1. The National Rehabilitation Centre programme continues to reach important milestones in the pre capital phase of the business case process and by the end of the year the first capital stage of the business case process will be concluding. The timeline has been extended for the overall project due to COVID 19 and the impact that had on the start of the public consultation. The milestones since January are outlined below.
2. **Public consultation:** The opportunity and clinical service outlined to members in the 15th January update has now been tested through eight weeks of public consultation with members of the public and special interest groups. The legal responsibility for this lies with the Clinical Commissioning Groups. The decision on how to proceed with the case and the public feedback will be presented to the governing body of the Clinical Commissioning Groups on the 4th December. Nottingham CCG has approached the County Council's Health Scrutiny Committee to request an opportunity to share the outcomes of its latest consultation so that the Committee's comments can be reported to the CCG Board. Due to the relevant timescales, an additional Health Scrutiny meeting has been arranged for 14 October 2020 at 2pm to consider this matter.
3. **Academic partners appointed:** The NRC programme has appointed academic partners to work with the clinical teams to realise the overall and National ambition for the NRC. The academic partners are University of Nottingham and Loughborough University. These two organisations lead a wider consortium of 24 other universities across England to support the training and research which will go on in the NRC. There is a tight hub of six universities locally who will drive the activity and programme and contribute to the business case. These are; University of Derby, Nottingham Trent University, University of Leicester, University of Birmingham. All these are currently active in either rehabilitation research of education. The universities are planning to start delivering courses and research ahead of NRC building being open.
4. **Clinical senate review:** the East Midlands Clinical Senate reviewed the clinical model in July 2019 and made four recommendations for further work; developing a scoring system for admissions, anticipating demand will be greater than capacity, developing a detailed workforce plan, planning for discharges out into community services and addressing any gap and economic evaluation of the quality of life years post rehabilitation at NRC. All these have been addressed and will be presented back to the clinical senate on the 24th September 2020.
5. **Capital business cases:** The two stages of the Capital programme require approval from NHSEI and Department of Health and Social Care, HM Treasury and ministerial support. The first stage is the Outline Business Case (OBC) which details the preferred option in terms of cost and social value for money. The second stage is the Full Business Case (FBC) which will be completed by the end of 2021 and details the procurement arrangements for the construction and delivery of the NRC.
6. **Enabling works:** Enabling works on site have commenced with the section 278 application for the road junction due to be submitted but the end of this calendar year. As the developer, BS Stanford, the company who runs the estate will submit this application, working closely with the NRC programme team. This will allow the road junction, bell mouth entrance and the access road to the site to be built. All of this is important to enable construction of the NRC to start on time. It has been funded through early draw down of the £70m allocated for the scheme.
7. **Building design:** NRC programme have appointed architects to develop the detailed internal design of the building and the schedule of accommodation. This will be checked and challenged by a health care planner who will deliver a robust assessment of the clinical model and the accommodation to facilitate

delivering the outcomes required. Architects are working closely with the clinical and academic teams to provide a highly integrated and interactive space where patients participate in research whilst completing their rehabilitation programmes.

8. **Funding:** As agreed in the Autumn Budget of 2018 the allocated £70m to the NRC scheme is to build the clinical capacity for the NRC. The academic space will need to be funded separately, The NRC programme team are working to redress the capital gap in much more challenging post COVID circumstances than we were facing in January.
9. **The Timeline:** The overall timeline has now been changed due to COVID 19 causing delays to the public consultation and the approvals process. The construction will now commence Spring /Summer 2022 with the projected opening date of Autumn 2024.
10. **Conclusion:** Significant progress has been made on the NRC programme since January despite the COVID pandemic. The feedback from public consultation will help to shape the case going forwards, and the programme is on track to complete future milestones following the Governing Body meeting on the 4th December.