

Stakeholder briefing

Many of you may have seen recent local media coverage about possible alternative use of our hospital during standby. As you know we have been developing our plans for alternative use during standby for some months – these have to go through a number of processes and be approved by the regional and national teams before they are officially announced. Any plans for reuse are dependent on services being able to vacate within 7 days should we have to prepare to accept patients at our hospital.

One of the options being considered is an Ophthalmology diagnostic hub to provide diagnostic imaging services for glaucoma, cornea and medical retina patients via Bristol Eye Hospital. This would benefit patients across the Severn network region as the eye hospital is a specialist tertiary service.

Another option is to establish a paediatric outpatient procedure service which would offer infusions and other procedures such as allergy tests to patients from Bristol Childrens Hospital. Again this service would benefit patients across the Severn network region.

Neither option has yet been approved but as soon as there is any confirmation we will let you know.

In the meantime, our winterisation works have been successfully completed and we remain in standby, ready to care with compassion if we are needed.

Reminder: UWE Bristol distinguished lecture series

Join us on the evening of 14 October to hear panel members discuss 'responding to a national crisis - building the NHS Nightingale Hospital Bristol'

Panel members include:

- Professor Steve West CBE, Vice-Chancellor, President and Chief Executive Officer
- Marie-Noelle Orzel, former Chief Officer, NHS Nightingale Hospital Bristol
- Tim Whittlestone, Chief Medical Officer, NHS Nightingale Hospital Bristol
- David Snell, Operations Director, Kier

The event will take place online to support social distancing and starts at 6.30pm. Register FREE → <https://bit.ly/3iHDSYf>

Please note: during standby our stakeholder briefings will be fortnightly.

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