



Welcome

70th Annual General Meeting of The Friends of the Hospital of St Cross



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Outline Agenda 1

- Welcome & Introduction
- Apologies, Minutes & Matters arising
- Guest Speaker – The Mayor of Rugby
- Chair's report
- Treasurer's report for 2024



Outline Agenda 2

- Election of Officials
- Guest Speaker - Juliet Starkey
- UHCW NHS Trust – Sue Noyes Chair
- Remembering Tony – Tracey Lennard
- Presentation of Awards & Recognition
- Any Other Business

Opening formalities

- Apologies
- Approval of the minutes of the last AGM
 - The minutes are available on-line through the published Agenda for the meeting
 - Matters arising





Guest Speaker



The Mayor of Rugby Cllr Barbara Brown





Vote of Thanks to the Mayor Doug Jones





Chair's Report

Doug Jones

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Treasurer's Report for the year ended 31 December 2024

Brian Cheney





Summary of the year:

- total income in 2024: £99,269 (2023 £99,112)
- total gifts made in 2024: £30,049 (2023 £167,300)
- total running costs in 2024: £4,962 (2023 £9,520)
- surplus made in 2024: £65,969 (2023 -£79,172)
- cash/investment balances December 2024: £388,324 (2023 £322,455)





Reserves

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| Current accounts & cash | £134,796 |
| Building Society deposits | £170,000 |
| Investment Accounts | £83,528 |
| Total Reserves | £388,324 |
| ALREADY SPENT IN 2025 SO FAR ! | £49,519 |





Other key financial points for 2024:

- Social fundraising £16,144
- tea bar/ward trolley profits £14,260
- sale of books £2,732
- legacies received £37,603





Further financial aspects of 2024:

Admin & support costs £4,962

This includes Volunteer uniforms (£Nil)

examination of accounts (£1,032) insurance (£1,045)

Website & email etc. (£1,357)

100% OF DONATIONS ARE SPENT ON SUPPORTING OUR AIMS

ALL RUNNING COSTS ARE COVERED BY EARNED INCOME,

INTEREST AND DIVIDENDS





Elections of Officers of the Charity as Nominated

President

Vice-Presidents

Trustees of the Friends
of the Hospital of St. Cross





Nominee for President



Willy Goldschmidt



Nominees for Vice Presidents



**Cllr
Barbara
Brown**



**Mrs Doris
Froggatt**



**Mrs
Chrysanda
Gilbert**



**Mr Mike
Rigby**





Nominee for Chairperson



Garth Murphy





Election of Trustees





Guest Speaker

Juliet Starkey

Group Director of T & N Services





University Hospitals
Coventry and Warwickshire
NHS Trust

UHCW's Journey towards developing 'Health on the High Street' in Rugby



Strategy for St Cross: 'Elective Hub'

- Following wide consultation, ***More than a Hospital*** Trust Strategy 2022-2030 committed to transform the Hospital of St Cross in Rugby - build modern facilities for growing population and improve staff and patient experience
- Aligns with 10 Year Plan- moving services closer to communities
- Focus on development of Elective Hub
- **Major phase of development: 4 theatre & 2 ward complex – planning permission obtained Feb 2025 and advanced design completed**
- 'Health on the High Street' planned for some outpatient services to create the required space on the site for new theatre complex but also provides accessible services in fit for purpose facilities



New Theatre and Ward Complex

Improving Access for our Patients Now

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Same day hip and knee replacement surgery (Rugby Ambulatory Orthopaedic Service - RAOS) commenced January 2024 and has had an evaluation completed with patients.
- Using headsets to improve communication between Theatres and day surgery has led to significant improvements to start times and turnaround times.
- Increased the number of patients on ophthalmology cataracts theatre lists.
- Increased the number of patients receiving Neurosurgery injections theatre session from 10 to 12.
- First Breast Cancer Surgery theatre List delivered this week 8th September using new equipment.

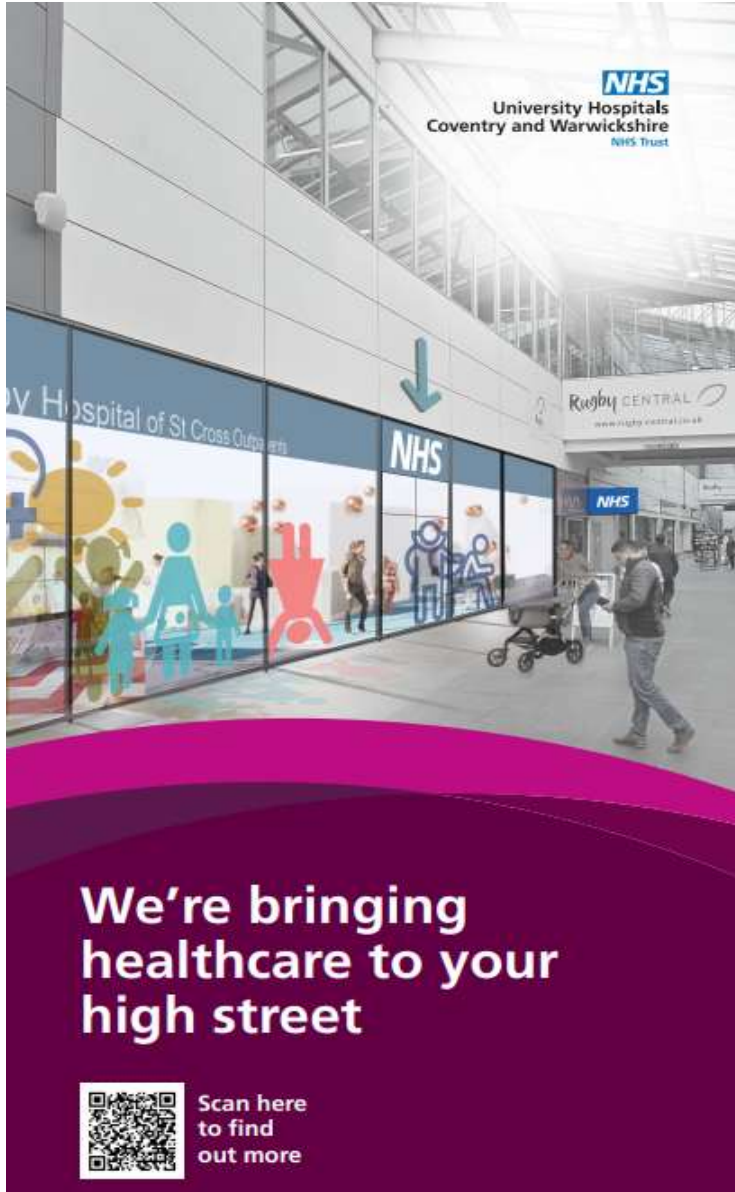


THE NEXT 3 MONTHS

- First keyhole hernia repair and gallbladder removal theatre lists to take place this month.
- Increase access to Ultrasound Fern Suite by extending hours to 6pm on Tuesdays (additional 12 patient per month) initially with a plan to extend to 5 days

Planning workshops with the clinical and operational teams





- Outpatient services that will be delivered in Rugby Town Centre:
 - **Diabetes & Endocrinology**
 - **Women's Health (Obstetrics & Gynaecology - including diagnostic procedures)**
 - **Children's Services**
- 14,000 planned patient attendances per year
- Increased footfall in the town

Better and more convenient access to services

Working with our Patients and Staff

Design Week in April 2025 with 45 attendees from the Specialties including patient representatives to co-design the space and walk in each others' shoes

205 Ideas generated for the new space



Agreed Principles:

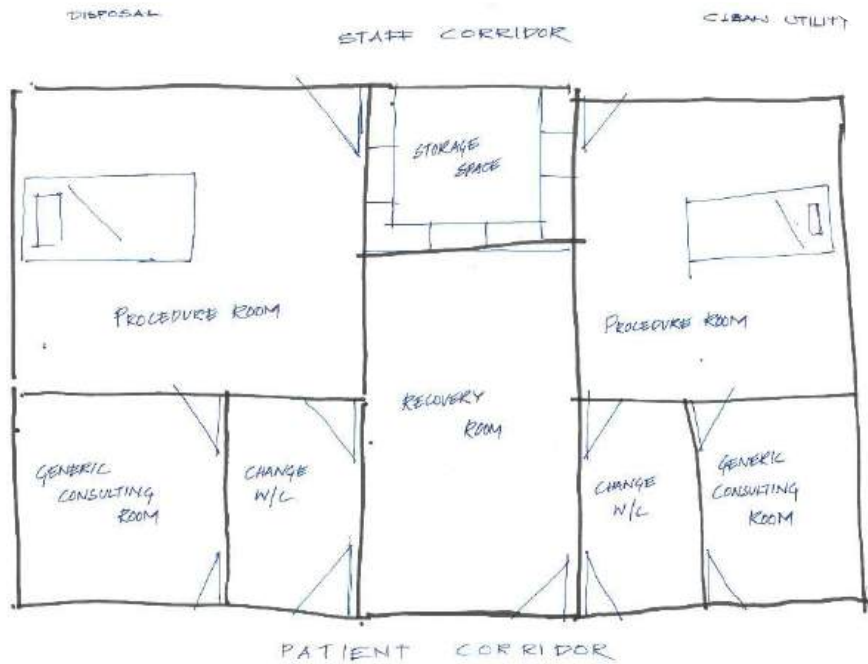
1. Dynamic Spaces with Multi Functions
2. Generic Spaces that are not speciality / service specific
3. Organised with patients as priority
4. Space efficient

Reflecting on the restrictions of the current space in a mock up!

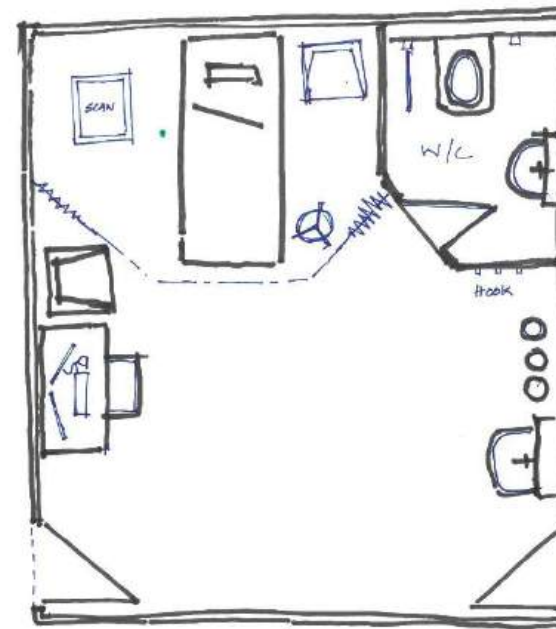


Patients and Staff - Initial Designs

Considering movement of patients, access to facilities and staff being able to access equipment easily

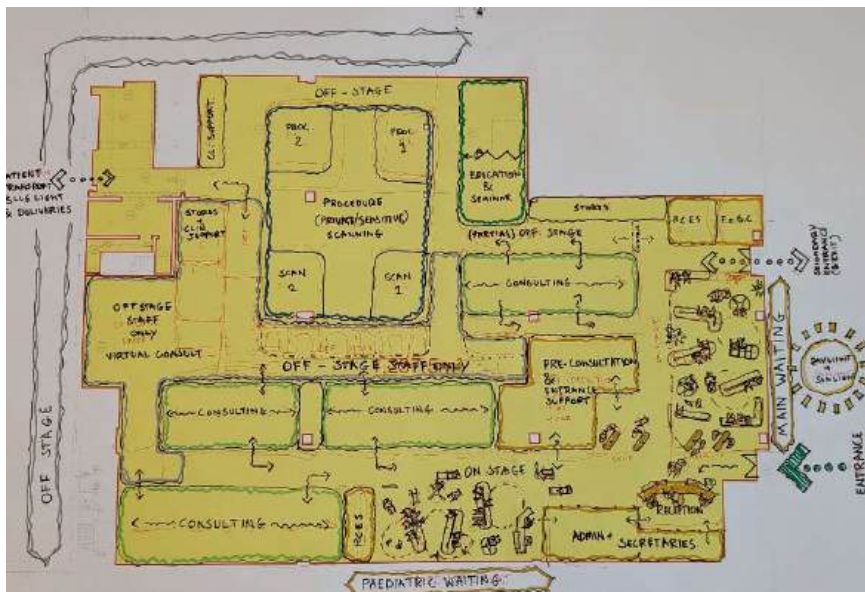


Procedure Room



Scan Room

Health on the High Street Emerging Design



Anticipated Opening – Autumn/Winter 2026





Vote of Thanks to Speaker & 70th Anniversary Appeal Update

Willy Goldschmidt



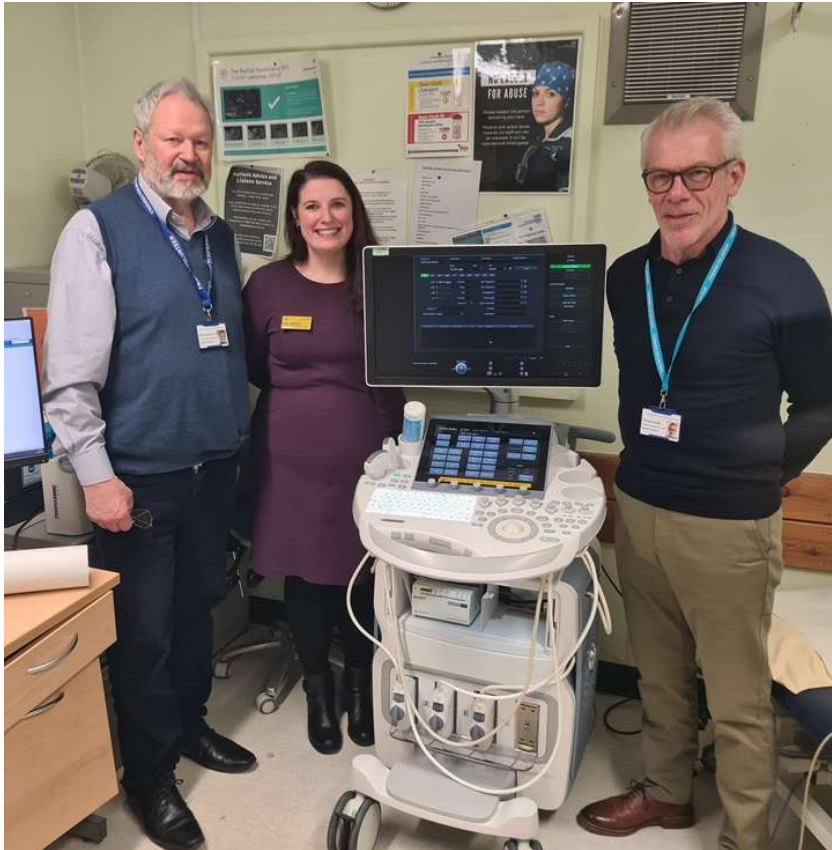


- Doug and I were briefed about the project almost 2 years ago!
- Since then Kara Maitra has kept us informed about progress and the Trust's ambitious plans for Health on the High Street
- We asked what can we do to help to expand the services provided in Rugby....





Platinum Anniversary Appeal



- In March we announced that The Friends will purchase a second ultrasound machine for Maternity and Gynaecology for Rugby
- This will support an increase in productivity and reduce the need for patients to travel to UH for some scans





Appeal progress



- We are having active discussions about donating other items to help expand the services!
- At the last AGM we launched our Appeal with the aim to raise at least £70,000 to celebrate 70 years since the foundation of the Charity
- To date we have raised some £40,000!





Rugby Group Benevolent Fund



- After the last AGM we met Trustees of the Fund who had supported our appeals for the:-
 - Blood Taking Unit
 - Sleep Studies
 - Maple Unit
- It gives me great pleasure to introduce Graeme Fuller





Vote of Thanks from UHCW, Sue Noyes Chair UHCW NHS Trust





Remembering Tony Cousins



Tracey Lennard











Volunteer recognition

The High Sheriff & Garth Murphy





Volunteer Long Service Awards

Ramesh Srivastava

Lesley Kinch

Pat Joliffe

Stephen Purcell

Edna Dewey





Special Award

Thankyou for being a Friend





Friends OSCA Nominees



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| Lynda Scott | Vicky Barnes | John Prothero | Ray Frankton | Shirley Griffin |
| Elizabeth Burnett Trustee | | | The Friends of St Cross Chief Execs Award | |
| Meet & Greet Day Surgery / Outpatients Team | | | Bowel Cancer Admin Team Volunteer Team | |
| Bob Tooze Hospital Admin | Eddie Jenkins Phlebotomy | | Marie Guyett X-Ray Meet & Greet | |





Any Other Business

