

Urgent and Emergency care
Upgrade Programme

UECUP

...Transforming Emergency Care for the
people of the Wirral

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PHASE 2A UPDATE

A SNEAK PEEK

Welcome to our exclusive preview of Arrowse Park Hospital's latest milestone. The Urgent & Emergency Care Department's new resuscitation and staff areas, set to open this spring, are a testament to our commitment to superior care and staff welfare.

The eight resuscitation rooms and seven paediatric assessment units are now equipped with modern technology and layouts that prioritise patient care, incorporating direct feedback from our dedicated staff.

Not just for patients, we've also crafted a modern staff area on the second floor. It's a space where our team can unwind and regroup, complete with a private entrance, comfortable layout, showers and secure lockers for personal items. These enhancements are more than just renovations; they're a reflection of our gratitude towards our frontline heroes. We're upgrading their workspace to uplift their spirits and support their tireless efforts in providing exceptional care.



L-R: Staff changing rooms with showers, resus, paediatric assessment unit, staff kitchen.

TEAM SPOTLIGHT

KEITH BENNETT

Role Summary: As UECUP's Programme Director, I serve as the central point of contact among various stakeholders in our project. My responsibilities include facilitating communication between the trust side, the contractor Tilbury Douglas, and construction consultants Ryder Hunt. I also address issues related to both the overall project and its finer details, focusing on operational and financial matters with the team.



Professional Background: With 42 years of experience in the NHS, my journey has been diverse. I spent 20 years specialising in biochemistry before transitioning into general management. Previously, I held the position of Director of Operations / Patient Flow at a major trust in Manchester. This varied background equips me for my pivotal role in our current project.

Longest Learning Journey: Mastering the art of team selection and cohesion.

Best Advice: I often encourage colleagues to view situations from different angles, maintaining positivity, and finding successful outcomes even in seemingly unfavourable circumstances.

Passions Beyond Work: I have a deep appreciation for foreign cultures and travel. I love exploring faraway places and find joy in doing house renovations.

Proud Personal Moments: My two daughters have achieved remarkable success. One runs a bespoke wedding business in Liverpool, appearing in prestigious publications like Vogue and Harper's Bazaar. My eldest daughter is head of procurement for a major company in the north west.

A SEAMLESS UPGRADE AMID PATIENT CARE

At Arrowe Park Hospital, we're dedicated to upgrading our emergency department amid the bustling flow of front-line care.

It's a meticulous process. Imagine constructing a bridge while ensuring people can continue crossing safely. That's the essence of our mission.

Our Pledge to Uninterrupted Frontline Services: Our commitment extends beyond bricks and mortar. We recognise that uninterrupted emergency services are vital for those who rely on us. With precision and diligence, we navigate the complexities of renovation in a live environment. Why? To safeguard our community's access to the sole emergency department on the Wirral, where over 90,000 patients seek care annually.

A Strategic Approach: Our upgrade unfolds in carefully planned phases, seamlessly integrated with the ongoing rhythm of hospital operations. But this transformation isn't merely physical. It's a promise—a promise to fortify the well-being of our community, both now and for generations to come.

"We're not just renovating for today; we're forging a legacy of health," said Keith Bennett, UECUPs Programme Director.



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BEHIND THE SCENES TOUR

This week marks Build UK's Open Doors 2024, an event dedicated to showcasing careers in construction. As part of this initiative, a special group of students from Abbey School in Childwall, had the opportunity to visit our construction site.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Arrowe Park Hospital proudly celebrated International Women's Day on March 8, honouring the extraordinary women who are the backbone of our new project. From clinical care to construction, these women's stories of success, passion, and aspiration are a beacon of inspiration. Read their stories here:

https://issuu.com/arroweparkhospital/docs/wuth_international_women_s_day_2024

