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### **Major estates upgrades improve safety across our sites**

The Trust has secured NHS England Estates Safety Funding to support essential upgrades to critical infrastructure across its sites.

The funding, awarded in late 2025 to 2026, is being used on a priority risk basis to upgrade or replace critical systems, including ventilation plant, potable water systems and electrical supplies. In many cases, this infrastructure has been in place since the hospital was first built, making these improvements vital to ensure ongoing safety and compliance.

Delivering this programme has required a significant and coordinated effort across multiple teams. Estates Capital, Estates Maintenance, Security and Car Parking, Facilities, specialist consultants, contractors and wider support functions have all played a key role.



From developing specifications and managing procurement, to engaging suppliers and completing installation and commissioning, work has been delivered within challenging timescales.

Teams have demonstrated exceptional commitment throughout, including working extended hours and across weekends to ensure progress.

A recent example of this was the installation of new chiller and cooling equipment at Arrowe Park Hospital.

Over the weekend of 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> April, equipment was lifted from Car Park B to the main roof using a 350-tonne mobile crane. The scale and complexity of the lift required specialist techniques and detailed multi-disciplinary safety planning over several weeks to ensure it was carried out safely.

With each project completed, and with further work planned, these improvements are helping to make our hospitals more compliant and more resilient for staff, patients and visitors.

A huge thank you to all teams involved for their continued hard work and dedication.