

**West Yorkshire
CYPMH Unit Update**
(formerly CAMHS)



June 2021

Welcome to the latest of our bi-monthly West Yorkshire Children and Young People's Mental Health (formerly known as CAMHS) Inpatient Service stakeholder newsletter.

We're keeping you up to date with the development of this new enhanced service as well as our new Red Kite View inpatient unit due to open in December 2021.

You can read more about it on our [website](#) and you can subscribe to this newsletter at communications.lypft@nhs.net

20 weeks till unit handover!

See where we are in our project roadmap below:



“We’re doing this for the kids”

By Dawn Hanwell, LYPFT’s Deputy Chief Executive, Chief Financial Officer and CYPMHS Project Leader.

Things are starting to get really exciting as we now have a little under 20 weeks to go until the Red Kite View handover in November.

We’ve come so far since planning was approved for the new unit in December 2019. The site is now completely unrecognisable as the area has evolved. Progress on the build is going well and it’s incredible to see the images from the [architect’s impressions being brought to life](#).



For this work to happen we’ve removed 17 trees from the St Mary’s Hospital site and reduced our car parking facilities. However for every felled tree we’ll be planting three trees on the new site. The finished build will also include over 40 parking bays for staff and visitors, with charging points for electric vehicles.

This, along with other sustainability measures, means that we are still on track to receive an [excellent rating on the ‘BREEAM’ scale](#). We remain committed to sustainable development, as set out in the NHS Long Term Plan, and we know that protecting and maintaining the world around us matters to the young people of West Yorkshire who this unit is being built for.

The facility itself will provide a spacious modern facility for young people with significant mental health needs from across West Yorkshire who need an inpatient stay as part of their recovery. The two main wards, Skylark and Lapwing, will offer light, modern facilities including spacious, comfortable and private en-suite bedrooms and will be staffed by a dedicated multi-disciplinary team who will work closely with the young person’s community mental health team during their stay.

There will also be a range of spacious and therapeutic areas, including a multi-purpose activity room, educational facilities, a family visiting room, courtyards and a green communal space for service users and staff.

Tim Richardson, our Head of Operations for Children and Young People’s Mental Health Services, gave a brief update presentation on Red Kite View and the benefits it will bring to the region. You can [watch Tim’s presentation on our YouTube channel](#).

This unit will help us to reduce the number of children and young people in West Yorkshire

and Harrogate who have to leave their local area to receive the care they need. It will be truly transformational in so many ways. My mantra for this project is that we're doing this for the kids, and my ambition is to see those young people who'll benefit from this fabulous new facility using it before Christmas 2021.



A view from the skies: latest spectacular aerial footage and images

Check out the latest aerial (and some interior) footage along with fab new images of the site which show how the build of Red Kite View is progressing.

With thanks to [Mark Zaccaria Aerial Photography](#).



On site update from our construction partners Tilbury Douglas

You can now download the [June 2021 newsletter](#) from Tilbury Douglas (formerly known as Interserve Construction Limited) which features updates on what's been happening on site, and what building work is coming up.

Our clinical team playing away at Elland Road!

Our children and young people's inpatient team took a well-deserved break from Zoom and came together on Wednesday 16 June for a development day.

With a bespoke agenda based on feedback from their first development days, they were able to have some valuable time out ahead of the move to Red Kite View later this year.



Taking a much needed break from Zoom (for some of us, the first real life meeting in 15 months!), the day was spent altogether at Elland Road. This made an immeasurable difference in the quality of interactions and conversations we were able to have.

The group took part in activities to get to know each other better to boost team strength and rapport, had a reflective practice session with a facilitator from the Northern School from Child and Adolescent Psychotherapy, and then spent the afternoon getting into the nitty-gritty art of having a 'challenging conversation'.

Latest on recruitment drive



Hello,
My name is Hayley and I'm a senior nurse and team leader of the children and young people's inpatient mental health service in Leeds.
We're building a new exciting team to provide safe and effective care for our 13-18 year old inpatients across West Yorkshire.

Our campaign to build our new enhanced clinical team at Red Kite View continues.

We've seen some incredible activity and interest on our social media channels and website, and our very own nursing team leader Hayley Greenwood (pictured) has been the star of our advertising campaign in June's Royal College of Nursing bulletin!

We're still on the lookout for Band 5 qualified nurses so please spread the word.

Recruiting people from our local West Leeds community

We're holding a special virtual event on 13 July 2021 for people living in the local area around Red Kite View who might be interested in working at our new site. The recruitment event will be focused on entry-level roles such as our Assistant Support Workers and Healthcare Support Workers.

It will take place from 11am–12noon and will feature an introduction to the new service from staff, some background about the roles we're recruiting to, as well as some top interview tips!

If you're interested this or any other opportunities at Red Kite View, you can visit our [CYPMHS website](#) for more information, or contact our Workforce Team on cypmhsrecruitment.lypft@nhs.net.

Your invitation to look round ahead of official opening – book a site tour for September



We're extending a special invitation to you, our valued newsletter subscribers, to come and check out Red Kite View 'in person' in September later this year.

This will be ahead of the building formally opening, which we're currently on schedule to do in November 2021. However, if you fancy an early sneaky peak, here's your chance!

We're offering site tours on Wednesday 15 or Tuesday 21 September – exact times to be confirmed.

Please complete this [short expression of interest form](#) and we'll hopefully see you there!

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