

Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust - Diagnostic and Surgical Hub proposal (DASH)

Statement of Community Involvement



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Executive Summary

The Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust is developing a new Diagnostic and Surgical Hub (DASH) facility at Salisbury District Hospital: a state-of-the-art facility that will replace ageing surgical theatres and significantly expand diagnostic services for patients across Salisbury and the wider region.

A public consultation took place between 29th June and 17th July 2026 offering opportunities for the local community and stakeholders to discover more about the proposals for the DASH and provide feedback. This report provides information on the public consultation exercise relating to the DASH.

Public exhibitions of the plans were held at two locations during July 2026. The first, on 7th July from 1000-1830 was held in the Salisbury Guildhall. This was followed by an exhibition of the proposals using similar materials at the Springs restaurant within Salisbury District Hospital from 8th-17th July 2026.

Door drops, newspaper advertorial, digital media advertorial, press releases, social media and the project website were all used to promote the public sessions and overarching consultation.

During the public sessions, all visitors were able to view the plans across a series of display boards, ask questions from a range of technical consultants and the project team, as well as provide written and verbal feedback on the project.

The hospital's website hosted an [online consultation space](#) and provided detailed information about the plans including a full set of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs).

Interested parties had the opportunity to feedback on the DASH plans in a variety of ways, including paper feedback forms at the events, an online mailbox or by post to the Trust's communications and engagement team.

The comments received on the plans online and through feedback forms were predominantly positive, highlighting several key benefits. Respondents appreciated the DASH concept as a whole, praising its potential for a standalone facility to reduce waiting lists and provide the services needed by a growing population. Concerns were raised about the loss of staff car parking and the recruitment of sufficient medical staff, particularly radiologists.

Comments covered several key areas:

- **Clinical need:** comments were received about the need to cut waiting times and the need to update existing facilities.
- **Standalone facility:** some respondents supported the concept of a separate facility for day cases and tests.
- **Parking:** questions arose about the loss of staff car parking at the hospital.
- **Staffing:** some respondents have concerns about the Trust's ability to recruit sufficient staff
- **Traffic:** concerns about additional traffic and access issues.

Overall, feedback from the public consultation on DASH was positive, with many respondents saying it was an excellent idea, a positive development for Salisbury and badly needed.

Overview of engagement

The Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust has been committed to engaging and communicating comprehensively with the local community about its plans for the new Diagnostic and Surgical Hub. Details of the proposals were communicated via a range of channels and a consultation on the plans took place between 29th June 2026 and 17th July 2026.

Developing and delivering a thorough consultation programme, using appropriate and accessible communications to reach all audiences in a timely manner, has allowed the community to contribute to the consultation process.

The aim of all engagement activity was to provide clear and proactive communications, which showcased the plans and enabled easy feedback routes. To minimise any potential for confusion around the plans, all communications used plain English, and concise language as much as possible. Information was available electronically, verbally and in hard copy.

A range of feedback channels was also put in place to allow interested parties to comment on the plans according to personal preference. Mechanisms included paper feedback forms at the exhibitions, verbal feedback at the events, an online feedback form on Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust website, and by post.

The Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust led on a comprehensive stakeholder engagement programme. Senior stakeholders were briefed on the DASH proposals, made aware of the consultation and invited to the exhibition events held at the hospital and the city centre.

Stakeholder engagement included:

- Elected members at Wiltshire Council and parish councils
- Primary Care Network Clinical Directors
- The regional director of Defence Primary Healthcare
- Integrated Care Boards
- Wessex Local Medical Committees
- All GP practices in South and West Wiltshire, North Dorset and West Hampshire.
- Wiltshire College
- The South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust
- Salisbury Cathedral
- Wiltshire Creative
- Salisbury Business Improvement District
- Healthwatch
- Trust governors
- Wiltshire Council – officers

Briefings were also sent to all members of the Salisbury Place Partnership, which is chaired by the Rt Hon John Glen MP and includes:

- Salisbury City Council
- Wiltshire Council
- Salisbury BID (Business Improvement District)
- Salisbury Cathedral
- Wiltshire Creative
- The Salisbury Museum
- Salisbury Chamber of Commerce
- Salisbury Old George Mall (shopping centre)
- Swindon & Wiltshire Local Enterprise Partnership (SWLEP)
- Wiltshire College

Promotion and materials

Promotion began on 29th June and continued until 17th July 2026. A range of channels and materials was used as set out below.

A pre-consultation webpage advertising the event was live throughout the consultation and served as a key hub for communications and engagement. The webspace included a full set of FAQs for the project as well as an artist's impression and links to the digital feedback form.

The webspace remained in place until 17th July. A copy of the webspace can be found in **Appendix A**. A copy of the project FAQs can be found in **Appendix B**.

The consultation and the public exhibition event were advertised in a range of ways, both in print and digitally. A leaflet was delivered to 12,416 residential properties in the SP2 8, SP5 4, SP1 2 and SP2 7 postcodes. A copy of the leaflet can be found in **Appendix C**.

Newspaper adverts were placed in the Salisbury Journal on 2nd July and 9th July, supplemented with a ten-day digital banner campaign. Copies of the adverts can be found in **Appendix D**.

Media coverage included:

- Salisbury and Avon Gazette: Plans unveiled for state-of-the-art Salisbury Hospital Hub salisburyandavon.co.uk/plans-unveiled-for-state-of-the-art-salisbury-hospital-hub/
- Salisbury Journal: Salisbury NHS Trust asks public for views on new hub www.salisburyjournal.co.uk/news/26283151.salisbury-nhs-trust-asks-public-views-new-hub/

The consultation was also covered on That's TV Wiltshire, a community station available via Freeview Channel 7 or 8.

Screengrabs of media coverage are in **Appendix E**

The consultation and the exhibition events were also promoted via the Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust's social media channels. See **Appendix F**

Public exhibition events

Public exhibition events were held allowing visitors to view the plans across a series of display panels, ask questions from a range of NHS staff and the project team, as well as provide written and verbal feedback on the project. A copy of the feedback form can be found in **Appendix G**.

Exhibition panels set out details of the plans, locations, benefits, construction, environmental considerations as well as visuals and a QR code linking to the project website. An architect's model of the building, together with large print outs of site plans and a virtual reality simulation were available for visitors to view. The full set of exhibition panels can be found in **Appendix H**.

Event 1

Date: Tuesday 7th July 2026

Timings: 10.00am–6.30pm

Location: Salisbury Guildhall, Salisbury SP1 1JH

Attendance: 43

Event 2

Date: 8th July–17th July 2026

Timings: 8.15am–7.30pm

Location: Springs Restaurant, Salisbury District Hospital SP2 8BJ. (The restaurant has a minimum of approximately 3,400 customers per week)

Prior to the consultation period, the plans for the DASH scheme were featured at an open day at Salisbury District Hospital which took place on 16th May 2026. The open day included a stand where visitors could see the plans, discuss them with members of the project team and use VR headsets to see a simulation of the DASH. The open day was attended by approximately 1,700 people.

Feedback

The public consultation on the proposed Diagnostic and Surgical Hub was generally favourable and often very supportive. Feedback came through various channels. Feedback forms highlighted appreciation for the need for the facility, the investment in modern NHS services and the benefits of a standalone facility. Many visitors to the Salisbury Guildhall event took part in detailed conversations with project team members, gaining a relatively detailed knowledge and understanding of the proposals before submitting feedback.

While there was enthusiasm and interest about the investment in local NHS services, some concerns were expressed about whether the Trust would be able to staff the DASH facility properly. Some visitors had questions about the relocation of the air ambulance helipad, and there were also concerns that the DASH would not divert resources away from community based NHS services. Many respondents expressed concerns about the loss of staff car parking.

Feedback at the Guildhall exhibition

The project team representatives addressed questions and comments during the exhibition. The public exhibition comments were widely positive on the plans and during these conversations, key topics of conversation were noted by the project team and summarised below, in no particular order:

Financial viability of the project

- Queries around funding of the project
- Questions around the budget for staffing
- Interest in the timescale – is the timescale too tight?

Technology

- Queries on the technology, and how the building would be powered
- Questions on where the plant would be located within the building

Expressions of support

- Pleased to see the project has got to this stage
- Positive development for Salisbury and the hospital
- Answering a clear need

Site location

- Questions about land and permissions
- Questions about how the DASH will affect the helipad location
- Interest in the precise location
- Comments on the need to ensure routes to the facility are appropriate for visually impaired people

The DASH services

- Why is this the priority – other facilities need to be upgraded more urgently
- The DASH must not take NHS community resources away
- Is there enough space for trolleys?
- Support for replacing existing, older day surgery facilities
- Interest in the plans for patients who need to stay overnight
- Support for separating planned and emergency care
- Like a “hospital within a hospital” (positive).
- Concerns that radiology is already understaffed – this represents an expansion which will require additional recruitment of radiologists
- Concerns it will be difficult to recruit enough radiologists
- Will the DASH be available at weekends?
- Will staff be ringfenced or will the facilities be vulnerable to inadequate staffing?

The consultation

- Some comments about the need for more exhibitions of plans
- Praise for how helpful the project team at the Guildhall event were
- Some visitors noted how impressed they were with the virtual reality headset

Transport and parking

- Green transport should be part of the development
- Danger of increased congestion
- Concerns about the loss of staff car parking spaces

The DASH and the HEAT project

- Concern that DASH will take a long time, as the HEAT project has
- Essential that it is integrated with the HEAT project

Sustainability

- Support for biodiversity improvements
- Pleased to see there will be a green approach to the development

Feedback forms

Hard copies of the feedback forms were available at each of the events and the same form was digitally available on the project website. 78 feedback forms were received in total.

When respondents were asked if they agreed or disagreed with the proposal not all answered. Of those who did:

- 31 answered "yes"
- 16 answered "maybe"
- 2 answered "no/maybe"
- 23 answered "no"

Concerns over staff car parking and staffing were the most common reasons given for opposing the proposals.

Comments included:

"Losing 114 car parking spaces is ridiculous – who will man this hub?"

"Spend some money on the old wards where we are too hot instead of building a new one"

"Trees and shade should be a priority"

"Much needed. Support needed to help staff avoid using vehicles and to travel sustainably"

"Where will the staff park?"

"This would make a huge difference to the community – do it!"

"Please build a multistorey first and then you can build anything"

"I think it's a good idea but not at the cost of the helipad"

"Really like the proposals for solar panels and natural planting"

"You have outgrown this site...it would be a great asset but not here."

"This should cut waiting lists and greatly improve efficiency, so long as the right staff – ancillary as well as medical – are found to run it"

"A diagnosis room for minor problems/ailments might take some pressure off A&E"

"I would only support if there is a net GAIN in parking spaces"

"Will the services run from here be entirely funded by NHS Staff and employees?"

"Transport plan is vital. Using access path for walking and cycling used by staff and visitors needs to be brought forward to reduce traffic congestion."

Conclusions

The Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust aimed to give as many people as possible the opportunity to respond to, and comment on, its plans for a new Diagnostic and Surgical Hub. A wide range of channels was used to publicise the consultation and give stakeholders and people across the community a selection of different ways to respond, as well as opportunities to see the plans and find out more detail from senior members of the project team.

As well as face to face opportunities, information was provided directly to local households via a leaflet drop; online information was provided through a dedicated online space and via social media and news media provided a conduit for information sharing.

Overall, the public consultation on the Diagnostic and Surgical Hub returned a positive reception, with feedback coming through various channels. The feedback and comments reflect often enthusiastic support for the concept of a standalone facility within the hospital, and an investment in modern services and equipment to meet the growing needs of Salisbury's health services.

However, some respondents have significant concerns about whether the Trust will be able to recruit enough specialist NHS staff to run the new unit effectively. The challenge of recruiting and retaining radiologists was highlighted by many of those who responded to the consultation.

Another major concern shared by many respondents is the loss of staff car parking spaces, and the relocation of the air ambulance helipad.

Appendix A - project webspace

New Diagnostic and Surgical Hub (DASH)



Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust is bringing forward proposals for a new Diagnostic and Surgical Hub (DASH) at Salisbury District Hospital.

The hub will replace outdated surgical facilities and expand diagnostic capacity, helping to reduce waiting times and enable patients to be seen more quickly in modern, fit-for-purpose environments.

Find out more and share your views

You can find out more online and through our exhibition display at the hospital or drop-in day at Salisbury Guildhall, details are below. We welcome feedback on the plans, comments will help us understand local views and will be considered as the project progress.

Visit the public exhibition

An information display will be in place at the hospital

- The Springs, Salisbury District Hospital, dates to follow

Attend the drop-in event

Meet the project team and ask questions

- The Guildhall, Salisbury, SP1 1JH, Crown Court Room
- 7 July 2026 10:00am -6.30 pm

View the plans online

- [link to FAQs](#)

Accessibility
Menu

Appendix B – FAQs



DASH PROJECT - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What is the DASH?

DASH stands for Diagnostic and Surgical Hub. It will be a new building at Salisbury District Hospital which will bring day surgery and diagnostic services such as scans together in one location. It represents a significant investment in NHS services in Salisbury and will help address the national shortage of CT and MRI scanners.

2. What facilities will it have?

The DASH will have five surgical theatres, one MRI scanner, one CT scanner and four endoscopy procedure rooms.

In the surgical department there will be 30 pre and post-surgery "pods". Patients will be prepared for their procedure in these pods and return to them when it is complete with the patients' belongings staying with them in the pod. There will also be male and female recovery areas for endoscopy, each accommodating six recovery trolleys, an entrance, a reception, waiting rooms, staff welfare and changing rooms and administration and storage areas.

3. What are the benefits for patients?

The DASH facility will be designed to treat as many patients as possible while offering a high level of patient care and comfort.

The new building will allow Salisbury District Hospital to carry out a wider range of operations as day cases.

Because the Salisbury DASH will be located in a standalone building, with no links to the main acute hospital site, it will not be affected by the peaks and troughs of urgent care. All the facilities will be ring-fenced for elective, planned procedures.

Patients, their relatives and carers will have greater certainty about how their treatment will progress. They will come to a dedicated facility, knowing when their procedure will take place and that they will be returning home on the same day.

4. How is the project being funded?

The Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust has been awarded funding, subject to business case approval, by the Department of Health and HM Treasury, to develop the DASH facility as a way of improving diagnostic services and day surgery. It will replace older facilities and ensure more patients can be treated in a high-quality, modern healthcare environment.

5. Can patients stay overnight in the DASH?

The DASH is a day surgery facility. If a patient unexpectedly needs an overnight stay, they will be transferred by ambulance to another part of the hospital.

6. How will patients move through the building?

Patients will be prepared for their procedure in one of 30 pods, go to theatre, and then be taken to a recovery bay before returning to their pod from which they will go home when well enough.

7. What diagnostic equipment will be available?

The DASH will have MRI and CT scanning facilities. This will increase capacity and separate routine diagnostic work from emergency diagnostics. There will also be four endoscopy procedure rooms.

8. How big is the building?

The building will have a floor area of 6,209 square metres and a footprint of approximately 2,822 square metres across three floors. It will have a maximum height of 96.35 metres, which is lower than parts of the existing hospital. Visual impact assessments have been carried out.

9. How do I get to the DASH?

Via entrance B, access will be from Victoria Drive East on the eastern side of the site. There will be a drop-off and pick-up point, and pedestrian routes will be kept separate from vehicle roads.

10. Where is the site?

The proposed site for the DASH is on the existing helipad and part of car park 9, which is used for staff parking. It is to the east of the main hospital building.

11. How will this proposal affect the helipad?

Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust is carrying out a review of the options for the location of the helipad. The Trust's preference is to find an alternative location on site or very nearby. Options for this are currently being reviewed. If a new helipad is constructed at the hospital it will need a separate planning application, and the Trust will look for a temporary arrangement to avoid a break in helipad operations.

12. How will this affect staff car parking?

The location of the DASH building has been selected to ensure that the planned care services are separate from urgent and emergency care services in the main hospital. A wide range of options were considered to determine the optimal location and this will have an impact on car parking. The number of visitor parking spaces will remain unchanged. There will be a loss of 250 staff parking spaces but this will be mitigated by improving arrangements in car parks 8 and 9 by an extension to car park 10 and by demolishing buildings in SDH South to extend car park 15. The net loss of spaces will be 114. The hospital will continue to look at ways to reduce this figure further.

13. How will noise be managed during construction?

A construction management plan will be submitted along with the planning application. This will set out how noise, fumes, dust and vibrations will be managed and kept to a minimum while the DASH is being built.

14. How will the construction affect the working of the hospital?

The hospital will remain operational during construction and measures will be put in place to make sure any temporary impacts on patients, staff and visitors are identified and managed carefully. More details will be included in the construction management plan, which will be submitted along with the planning application.

15. Will there be green space at the DASH building?

The eastern side of the building will have a garden and outdoor area for patients and visitors.

16. Why does the hospital need a new building rather than upgrading the existing facilities?

It is not feasible to adapt the current six day surgery theatres at Salisbury District Hospital (SDH) which are located in the Central Block. One of the existing endoscopy rooms will remain in its current location in the main building for patients in hospital who need an urgent endoscopy.

The DASH will be a purpose-built building which will allow NHS teams to treat patients more efficiently because they won't have to work around the limitations of an older structure. It also provides greater flexibility in how the facilities are used day to day and makes it easier to meet modern standards of patient care.

17. How has sustainability been considered in the design?

The design incorporates sustainable drainage systems, green infrastructure, and landscaping to manage surface water and support biodiversity. The building has been designed with whole-life running costs in mind, not just construction costs. Sustainable travel is also supported through a cycleway and footpath alongside the new access road, providing connections into the wider site. The final design will include habitat creation and planting to support wildlife and ensure the development contributes to a net gain in biodiversity.

18. What will happen to the trees and hedgerows on the site?

Some scrub to the south of an existing tree and hedgerow belt will be removed, though individual trees within that area are expected to be kept. A section of hedgerow along Victoria Drive East will be removed to make way for a new access point. The loss of any vegetation will be offset by new planting once the DASH has been built.

19. How does this project fit into the wider hospital site?

The DASH is part of the wider plans to develop Salisbury District Hospital. The new access road to the south of the building is designed to accommodate future development on the expansion land, with two-way traffic and active travel routes. The project has been shaped by the need to be deliverable within a funding allocation timescale, while also laying the groundwork for longer-term improvements across the whole hospital campus.

20. How does this fit in with the wider HEAT Project Salisbury?

The DASH is being led by the Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust and is fully aligned with the HEAT project. It will be integrated with future stages of development which will include additional hospital facilities, life science floorspace and key worker accommodation. You can find out more about HEAT on the project's website: <https://heatprojectsalisbury.co.uk/>

Appendix C – door drop leaflet



A new Diagnostic and Surgical Hub (DASH)

Proposed for Salisbury District Hospital





Find out more and share your views: 29 June to 17 July

Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust is **planning a new Diagnostic and Surgical Hub (DASH)** at Salisbury District Hospital, replacing outdated surgical facilities and expanding diagnostic capacity to reduce waiting times.

This will mean patients can be seen more quickly, in modern facilities that are fit for the future.

Subject to business case approval, **the new building will include:**

-  **Five operating theatres**
-  **MRI and CT scanners**
-  **Four endoscopy rooms**
-  **Designed to keep planned care separate from emergency services**



Find out more and share
your views with us

29 June to 17 July



How to find out more

Our Website

This will have full details of a forthcoming exhibition at the hospital.



Scan the QR code or visit
www.salisbury.nhs.uk

Drop-in event to meet the project team

7 July 2026
10.00am to 6.30pm

Crown Court Room
Salisbury Guildhall
The Market Place
Salisbury, SP1 1JH



Share your views with us

We welcome feedback on the proposal, your comments will help us understand local views and will be considered as the project moves forward.

Submit your feedback before 17 July 2026:

Via our website
www.salisbury.nhs.uk

**Feedback forms available at the
exhibition and drop-in event**

Via post
Communications Team
Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust
Odstock Road
Salisbury, SP2 8BJ

Next Steps



Planning

Application submitted to
Wiltshire Council July 2026



Construction

Expected to start
early 2027



Opening

Date to
be confirmed



Better care

Closer to home,
for our community

Person Centred & Safe

Professional

Responsive

Friendly

Progressive

Appendix D – advertorial



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Have your say 29 June - 17 July
Please submit your feedback before 17 July

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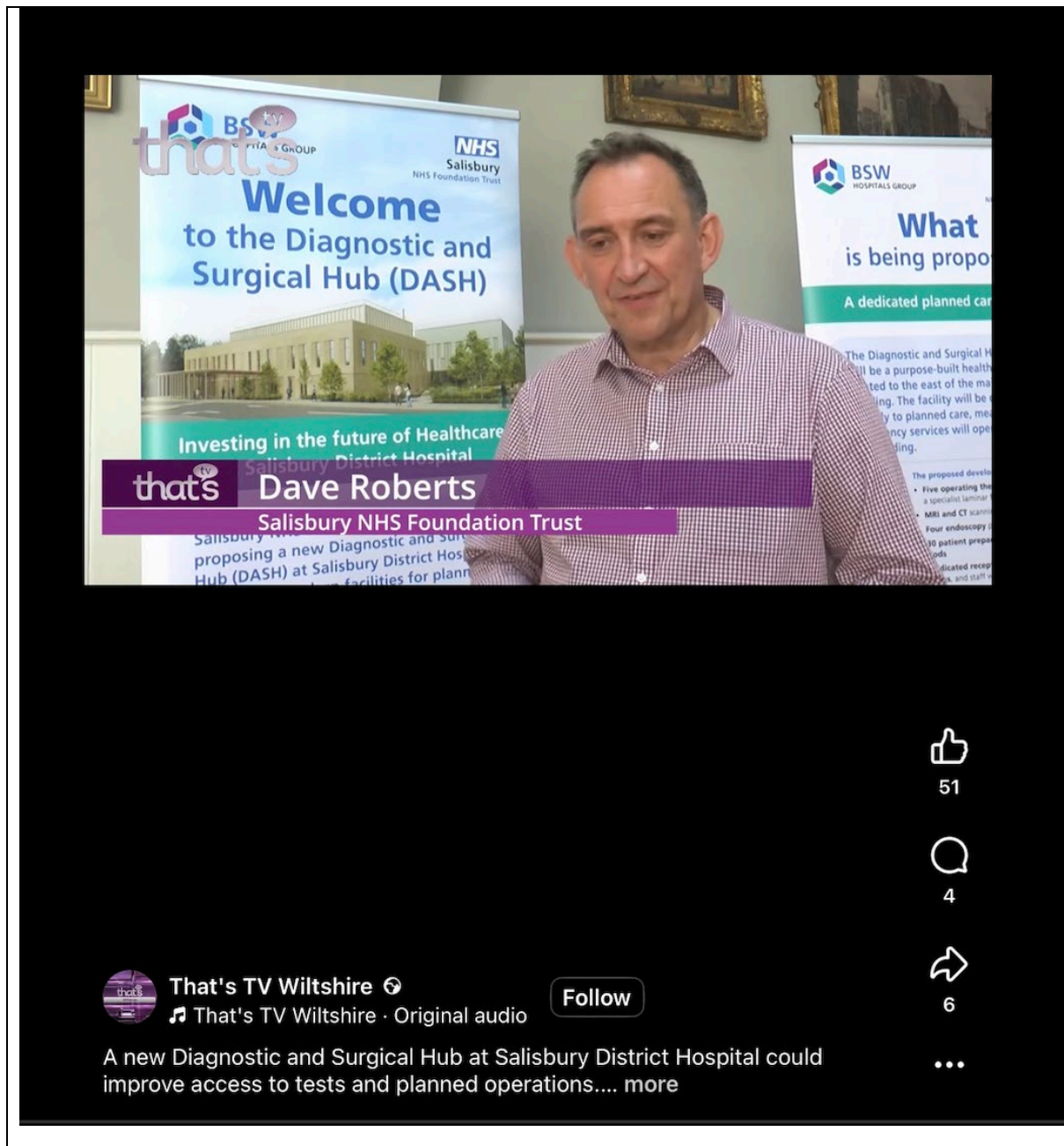
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How to find out more

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- **Drop-in event** to meet the project team at the Crown Court Room, Salisbury Guildhall, The Market Place SP1 1JH
On 7 July, 10am to 6.30pm



Appendix E - media coverage





Artist's impression of Salisbury District Hospital's Diagnostic and Surgical Hub (DASH)

Plans for new surgical hub with five theatres

SALISBURY NHS Foundation Trust has launched a public engagement process on plans to build a new Diagnostic and Surgical Hub (DASH) at Salisbury District Hospital.

Subject to approval of the final business case, the proposed facility would include five operating theatres, MRI and CT scanners, and four endoscopy rooms. The hub is intended to modernise key services and support growing demand for both diagnostics and planned procedures.

The development has been designed to separate planned care from urgent and emergency services, allowing the hospital to make more effective use of its existing site. By doing so, the Trust says it aims to improve patient flow, reduce waiting times and minimise disruption caused by emergency pressures.

The hub would also expand diagnostic capacity and provide modern, purpose-built clinical environments, helping staff to deliver care more efficiently while improving the overall experience for patients.

Nick Johnson, managing director of Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust, described the pro-

Isaac Maddock

ject as a "major milestone" and a significant investment in the hospital's future.

He said: "This is a major milestone and represents a significant investment in the future of our hospital. The new facility will replace our ageing surgical facilities, expand our diagnostic capacity, and provide modern, purpose-built environments that will enable us to see patients more quickly and deliver high-quality care for many years to come."

"We know how important it is for local people to be able to access timely care, and this development will help us meet increasing demand while maintaining high standards."

The Trust is expected to submit a planning application to Wiltshire Council in July. If approved, construction is anticipated to begin in early 2027.

As part of the early stages of the project, residents, patients and stakeholders are being invited to find out more about the proposals and share their views.

Information about the scheme

is available on the Trust's website, including detailed plans and a set of frequently asked questions. An exhibition display has also been installed in the hospital's Springs Restaurant.

A public drop-in event will take place at Salisbury Guildhall on Tuesday, July 7, from 10am to 6.30pm. The event will give people the opportunity to meet members of the project team, ask questions and provide feedback on the plans.

The Trust said feedback gathered during this engagement period will help it understand local views and inform the next stages of the project as it progresses.

People can submit comments until Friday, July 17, 2026. Feedback can be provided by completing the online form, sending written responses to the Trust's communications team, or filling in a form at the exhibition or drop-in session.

Further details about the proposals and how to take part are available on the Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust website: salisbury.nhs.uk/about-us/new-diagnostic-and-surgical-hub-dash/

Appendix F - social media

Comments

**Salisbury District Hospital**
30 Jun · 🌐

Artist impression



Our Trust is submitting plans for a new Diagnostic and Surgical Hub (DASH) at Salisbury District Hospital, representing a significant investment in the future of our hospital. The Hub will replace outdated surgical facilities and expand diagnostic capacity, with five operating theatre, MRI and CT scanners and four Endoscopy rooms.... See more

 Like

 Comment

 Share



Salisbury District Hospital can see the total number of reactions to this post.

Appendix G – feedback form



Salisbury District Hospital new Diagnostic and Surgical Hub (DASH)

Feedback form

Name (optional)

Email (optional)

By providing your email address, you agree to receiving more information on the DASH development.

Address (optional)

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Organisation (if applicable)

Do you support the proposal? Yes ☐ No ☐ Maybe ☐

Further comments

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Where did you hear about the proposal?

.....

Thank You

Person Centred & Safe

Professional

Responsive

Friendly

Progressive

Appendix H – Exhibition panels

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Salisbury
NHS Foundation Trust

Welcome to the Diagnostic and Surgical Hub (DASH)



Investing in the future of Healthcare
at Salisbury District Hospital

Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust is proposing a new Diagnostic and Surgical Hub (DASH) at Salisbury District Hospital to provide modern facilities for planned surgery and diagnostic services.

The new building will **replace the hospital's existing day surgery facilities**, which include modular buildings which have exceeded their intended lifespan. By **creating additional capacity for treatment, scans and tests**, the DASH will help more patients access care sooner and in facilities designed to meet future healthcare needs.

Demand for planned care continues to grow across the region, placing increasing pressure on NHS services. The **DASH will provide a dedicated home for planned procedures**, helping improve efficiency, reduce waiting times and enhance the experience for both patients and staff.

We are seeking your feedback and submitting a planning application to Wiltshire Council. Your comments will help shape the final proposals and inform the future of healthcare services in Salisbury.



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Why is the DASH needed?

Meeting growing demand for Healthcare Services

Demand for planned surgery, diagnostic tests and specialist procedures continues to increase across Wiltshire and the surrounding area.



The hospital's **existing day surgery facilities** were built in the 1990s and include modular buildings that were originally intended to last for 15–20 years. These facilities are becoming increasingly **difficult and costly to maintain** and are no longer suited to future healthcare requirements.



The proposed DASH will provide **modern, purpose-built facilities** designed specifically for planned care. The new building will include operating theatres, diagnostic imaging suites, endoscopy rooms and patient recovery areas.



By increasing capacity and improving efficiency, the DASH **will help reduce waiting times, support future healthcare demand** and **provide patients with access to high-quality care** in modern facilities.



What is being proposed?

A dedicated planned care facility

The Diagnostic and Surgical Hub (DASH) will be a purpose-built healthcare facility located to the east of the main hospital building. The facility will be dedicated entirely to planned care, meaning no emergency services will operate from the building.



The proposed development will include:

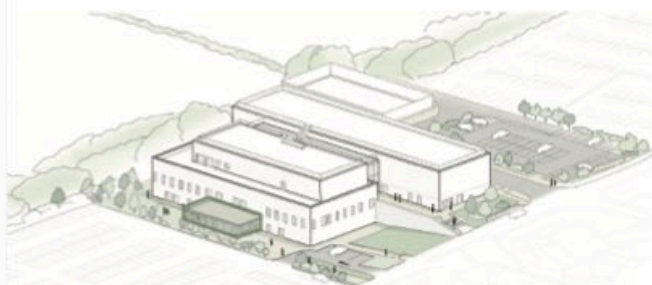
- **Five operating theatres**, including a specialist laminar flow theatre
- **MRI and CT** scanning facilities
- **Four endoscopy** procedure rooms
- **30 patient preparation and recovery pods**
- **Dedicated reception and waiting areas**, and staff welfare facilities.



The facility will include individual patient pods, designed for pre-treatment consultation and preparation. Following their procedure, patients will **recover within the facility** before returning home when they are well enough.



By creating a separate centre for planned care, the hospital will be better able to **protect scheduled procedures from wider operational pressures**, helping reduce cancellations and allowing more treatments to take place each year.



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Design, landscape and sustainability

Designed to complement the hospital campus

The DASH has been carefully designed to integrate with the existing hospital campus while providing a welcoming and modern environment for patients, visitors and staff.

The building will be located on land **currently occupied by the hospital helipad** and part of an **existing staff car park**. Its scale and appearance have been developed to sit comfortably alongside surrounding hospital buildings and maintain the established character of the site.



Existing helipad and car park



Proposed changes to the site



Landscape improvements form a key part of the proposals. New planting, gardens and green spaces will enhance biodiversity and create attractive outdoor areas for patients and visitors to enjoy.



Sustainability has been considered throughout the design process. Proposed measures include energy-efficient heating and ventilation systems, rooftop solar panels, sustainable drainage features and rain gardens to help manage surface water.



Improved walking and cycling connections will also support healthier and more sustainable travel choices across the hospital campus.



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Managing the construction process

Changes to car parking and the air ambulance helipad

The Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust is proposing to build a new Diagnostic and Surgical Hub (DASH) on the site of the existing helipad and part of a staff car park.



The location has been selected as the best option to **separate planned and emergency care** and make best use of the hospital site.



The Trust is reviewing options for the **location of the helipad**, with a preferred option on or close to the hospital site.

If a new helipad is required, it will be subject to a separate planning application. Temporary arrangements will ensure emergency helicopter operations **continue without interruption**.



To **reduce the impact** on the **staff car parks** we will:

- Improve parking arrangements in Car Parks 8 and 9
- Extend Car Park 10
- Demolish buildings in SDH South to expand Car Park 15

These measures will reduce the loss to 114 parking spaces. The Trust will continue exploring ways to minimise this impact and will maintain the free Hopper Bus service from Britford Park & Ride. **Visitor parking will not be affected.**

The hospital will remain operational throughout construction, with measures in place to **minimise disruption**. A construction management plan will set out how noise, dust, fumes, vibration and traffic congestion on site will be managed and minimised.

Delivering the DASH

Supporting the future of Salisbury District Hospital

The Diagnostic and Surgical Hub (DASH) represents a significant investment in healthcare services for Salisbury and the surrounding communities.



The DASH is being led by the Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust and is **fully aligned with the Health, Education and Technology (HEAT) Project**. It will be integrated with future stages of development which will include additional hospital facilities, life science floorspace and key worker accommodation. You can find out more about HEAT on the project's website: www.heatprojectsalisbury.co.uk



Subject to planning approval, **construction of the DASH is expected to begin in early 2027, with completion anticipated during 2028**. The hospital will remain fully operational throughout, with measures in place to minimise disruption.



We look forward to hearing your views on the proposals.

You can contact us:



- **Via our website:** www.salisbury.nhs.uk
- **Using the feedback forms** provided at exhibitions and drop in events
- **Via post:** Communications Team, Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust, Odstock Road, Salisbury SP2 8BJ

**Submit your feedback
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