

New pathology laboratory – work starting soon



Timeline



Work on our new pathology laboratory at St James's Hospital will begin in January when demolition starts on site, the first visible sign that things are moving forward with the new state-of-the-art facilities.

The buildings being demolished include the old Doctors Mess and Residences and the University's William Goldie House.

While demolition continues until April next year we will be moving forward with the design of the new building. Some service design workshops have already been held with senior leaders in pathology and estates teams, which have included representatives from West Yorkshire Association of Acute Trusts (WYAAT), and we are planning further staff engagement through virtual events in the near future.

Once demolition has been completed we're expecting to start construction later in 2021 and the new building is planned to be completed in 2023. The new pathology lab will consolidate many of the services currently housed in the Old Medical School at Leeds General Infirmary – as well as some services from St James's – and will also serve hospitals in West Yorkshire and Harrogate.

We're also developing a new Acute Hospitals Laboratory at LGI which will enable the LGI and Leeds Children's Hospital to maintain normal routine and urgent services through the local provision for tests with a short turnaround time or those that for technical reasons need to be on site.