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Oxleas email changes, launch of Hospital Watch and B Block redevelopment update are in this month's edition.

Important changes

We have updated our email system and are now using NHS Mail.

All staff emails will now end @nhs.net

Emails sent to old addresses will re-route to the new ones for a few months.

If in doubt please ring the relevant department and check with them.

For the Help Desk at Queen Mary's, the new email address is

oxl-tr-estateshelpdesk@nhs.net

Hospital Watch Hospital Watch was successfully launched at the Hospital on Friday 14th October. The Right Hon James Brokenshire, Northern Ireland Secretary, MP for Bexley & Sidcup and patron of Bexley Neighbourhood Watch, Cllr Eileen Pallen Bexley Mayor and Superintendent Stuart Bell, Bexley Met Police attended the launch along with Oxleas Chairman, Andy Trotter and Director of Estates & Facilities Rachel Evans. Several members from the Bexley Neighbourhood Watch team were also present. Andy opened the proceedings followed by a few words from Mr Brokenshire and then a whistle stop tour of the site was led by Colin Cope, Head of Estate Development at Queen Mary's. Thank you to all involved for the work that was done prior to the event and on the day.

The Longlands Met Police Team are keen to visit the hospital and provide crime prevention advice and their first visit will be on the Thursday 3 November in the Snack Box between 10.30 till 12.

As always, if you see any suspicious activity at the Hospital, please ring '0' internally or 0208 302 2678 and provide details. Hospital Watch looks forward to your continued support.

For more information contact Peter Bates on ext 4030.



Car parking and lighting

Well awaited improvement works to the car parks and external lighting will be completed by December 2016. The contractor has progressed well and is completing the work ahead of the original programme. Works have included resurfacing and white lining as well as new underground cabling, lighting columns and installing new energy efficient LEDs which should save energy and reduce site running costs. Visitors and staff are thanked for their patience throughout the works.

QM centenary



Only a couple of months to go until the start of our centenary year. We would still love to hear from anyone who has a story to tell of what life was like at any point through out the 100 years of our hospital. Whether it be personal stories you have experienced or ones handed down from family about what life was like either working or being a patient at Queen Mary's. In January we hope to publish the first of our stories from you and this will continue throughout the year. Help us to make it a great year of wonderful memories and celebrations and contact Denise Webb with your stories.

B Block Redevelopment The new temporary main entrance through C Block is now up and running with the new automatic doors installed in October. Preparation works are now under way for further internal demolition works to create a double-height atrium space for the new main entrance. Temporary propping is now being installed with the demolition works planned in November. Noisy works will be carried out during the 'noisy works' periods before 8.30am and after 5pm. A new site wide door access control system is also starting to get rolled out across the site. Areas currently on the new system include Acorns, our new child development centre and the new Outpatients 3 in C Block. As areas get upgraded new access control ID cards will be printed and issued to staff that need them. The new system will replace the current system which will be phased out during the next couple of years. Works to install a new fire alarm system throughout B Block is also now operational and training will be provided.

News in Brief

Electrical Shutdown Weekend - Due to essential electrical maintenance, the main power to the Hospital will be de-energised on Sunday 27 November and other areas on the Sunday 4 December. Estates & Facilities are working alongside the hospital maintenance contractor to ensure minimal disruption to the Hospital. Ward / Department Managers will be informed in due course.

Works to Frogna Avenue Road Surface - Works to the road surface opposite Car Park 3 will begin shortly. While the repairs are undertaken, there will be some disruption to traffic and alternative routes put in place. More information will follow as released.

Your news and questions

If you have any interesting news from Queen Mary's new or old you would like to share, views about anything within this newsletter, or any questions you would like to ask about what is happening around Queen Mary's, do get in touch. If you would like this newsletter emailed to you please do let us know. Contact details are: denise.webb@nhs.net or you can telephone on **020 8308 3013**.