

Renal Ward Update 26 April 2021

The opening of the new renal ward gets ever closer. As stated in our last report, physical work on the ward was completed on 9th April, leaving just three weeks of inspection and commissioning work before the first patients could move in on 8th May. Fingers crossed, things are looking good to achieve that.

We'll give a fuller (and final?) update in our next report. Meanwhile, we wanted to tell you how we have spent the money we set aside to help with the new ward.

It must be five years since we decided to allocate £100,000 of our reserves to pay for extras that could make life more comfortable for patients on the new ward. At that time, we expected the ward to be a new build and we thought our money could perhaps pay for a visitors' room, the latest wi-fi or something similar.

After looking closely at several different options, the Trust decided the best solution would be to relocate the ward to a completely refurbished and refitted Jane Ashley Ward in the Churchill Hospital. This rather limited the scope for "optional extras" but had the major advantage of bringing the transplant ward and renal ward together under the same roof.

As part of the new fit-out works, the SCKPA has agreed to pay for four new remote cardiac monitors in the transplant section of the new ward. (Please see photos.) These will mean patients can be even more closely monitored after their transplants.

The monitors will cost something close to £40,000, so we will return the balance of the £100,000 to the SCKPA's reserves to help with other needs that are sure to arise in future.

