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Subject: NHS Trust estates capital investment plans

## REQUEST & RESPONSE

### **1. What are your Trust's capital investment priorities over the next five years?**

MWL was formed in July 2023 when 2 Trusts came together, formally Southport & Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust and St Helens & Knowsley Hospitals NHS Trust (Whiston, St Helens and Newton sites).

The Trusts estates portfolio now consists of 5 acute hospital sites and circa 20 community properties.

A key focus of the Trust's estates capital investment programme since 2023 and in the forthcoming 5 years is:-

- Investment in addressing backlog maintenance
- Investment in theatre service provision
- Construction of new and reconfigured endoscopy services
- Increasing MRI, CT and radiological capacity

### **2. How much capital funding has the Trust been allocated for estates development this financial year (2025/26), or (where unknown) how much is the Trust expecting to be allocated?**

The Trust has been allocated capital for specific estate purposes as follows:

- £8 million to eradicate backlog maintenance
- £2.9 million to reduce high risk backlog maintenance

A percentage of the Trust's CDC, TIF and general capital allocation is also available this year for specific estates workstreams.

- 3. Are there any confirmed or proposed capital investment projects at your Trust relating to new healthcare facilities, such as new hospital buildings, Community Diagnostic Centres (CDCs), surgical hubs, new wards, theatres, pathology labs, or aseptic units? If so, please provide details, including the nature of these plans, current stage of planning, whether a construction partner has yet been contracted, project scopes, estimated costs, timelines, and contact details for the project's Senior Responsible Officer (where available).**

The Trust is 75% of the way through the construction of an extension at Southport Hospital to expand endoscopy services.

All other projects are within the footprint of the existing Trust premises or consist of minor extensions to the footprint which includes:-

- Reconfiguration of areas to create additional CDC capacity
- Improve the flow of patients through the Emergency department
- Ward refurbishments

At this point in time all works have been instructed and are progressing in accordance with approved plans.

- 4. If there are any current OPEN procurement opportunities (e.g. expressions of interest or opportunity notices) related to construction projects at your Trust, please provide links to the tender notices where available, and contact details for the relevant department or individual(s) responsible for these projects?**

At the current time the Trust is reviewing a number of feasibility studies across existing estate, all of which are subject to full design and capital resources being available. These works will include boiler replacements, ventilation refurbishments, medical gas upgrades.

Once funding is available and designs have been approved, procurement will progress through the approved frameworks.

- 5. Who within the Trust is responsible for overseeing estates development and capital projects (e.g. Director of Estates)? Please provide name and contact details where possible.**

The Director of Corporate Services for MWL is designated Director for Estates and Facilities capital projects.