



## **Stakeholder briefing**

Our hospital was established in the early days of the pandemic, providing hope during uncertain times and ensuring that the NHS had capacity to support patients across England if needed.

Our hospital has played an invaluable role in supporting routine care in the region over the past year, providing space for outpatient and day case services for University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust.

The NHS has been building resilience across permanent services throughout the pandemic and the time is now right to stand the Nightingale hospitals down.

From 01 April 2021, the patient care provided in the Nightingale hospitals will transition back to local NHS services. While the hospitals themselves will stand down, the legacy they leave will continue through strengthened and robust critical care networks, adaptable models of step-down care supporting patient flow in hospitals, and in the skills, expertise and experience of staff.

We recognise that these efforts would not have been possible without the many staff and partners who worked tirelessly to support the Nightingale hospitals. Your willingness to support our hospital has enabled us to remain ready for the past eleven months, so from the entire leadership team at the NHS Nightingale Hospital Bristol, we would like to say thank you for your support.

As you know, our hospital has helped to create the resilience of our Severn hospital network. Thanks to the commitment and leadership of our staff, together with our colleagues across all our hospitals and partner agencies, and the support of the public in following the national guidance, we have not needed to open our hospital as an intensive care unit.

Instead we have been able to use the space to support other services to provide safe, high quality care to outpatients and day cases, supporting more than 4,500 patients to access these services (to date).

Equally, we have hosted other services such as the south west Retrieve service (intensive care transfer service), meaning that proactive mutual aid was provided to a number of trusts and ensuring equity of intensive care across the Severn network. Most recently we have provided a base for the Covid-19 vaccination programme team for the Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire system and facilitated the delivery of clinical training and other learning events.

While our building will be handed back to UWE Bristol, our deeply supportive landlords, the legacy of the Nightingale lives on in the robust critical care network we have built across the region and in the skills, expertise and experience of those who were involved in its construction, preparation and readiness.

Our Nightingale family is working in hospitals and services across the region using their skills, expertise and experience to support the continuing response to the pandemic. If we are needed, we will come together again to do whatever is needed to save lives and provide hope.

We thank you for your support and interest in our hospital over the past eleven months.

**Please note: this is our last stakeholder briefing.**

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