

Combe Valley Hospital Taking Shape



Progress

Recently, we have seen even more rain fall, but this hasn't prevented us from installing windows to the ward areas, erecting external walls, and laying roofing.

Externally, we have erected scaffolding required to begin bricklaying and continued to finish off the remaining groundworks.

Inside, a variety of trades including electricians and plumbers began their work, and we began fitting the dry lining and building up the internal floors.



Other Activity

The Estates Team from Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust visited the building site for the first time during the month. This allowed the team to familiarise themselves with the building layout and begin to look at how they will manage the operation of the building, once complete.

Apprenticeships

On 1 October, we hosted an apprenticeship assessment centre in partnership with Supplytrain; a Hastings-based social enterprise aimed at helping employers provide job opportunities to local people.

We received more than 100 applications, which were whittled down to 25 candidates who were invited to the assessment centre. The candidates took part in various activities to test a range of skills, and they were also given the opportunity to talk to our subcontractors directly.

The event was a great success, and several applicants have been subsequently offered jobs; one of whom has already started work on site.

We are delighted to be able to assist local people find work, and, in doing so, support Rother District Council's Local Employment and Skills Plan.

Coming Up

A wide selection of artwork from talented service users from the Trust have now been selected to be showcased on our hoardings. These will be installed in the coming weeks, so keep an eye out! We are also planning a 'Topping Out' Ceremony later next month, details to be confirmed.

Site opening hours

08:00 – 18:00 (Monday to Friday)

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