

# TIME PROJECT UPDATE

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## Project Moves Forward...

Liverpool, Sefton and Knowsley Primary Care Trust Boards continue to support the TIME Project. They have approved the Project's outline business case and support further development of two new centres in the first phase of the programme.



Photos by Colin Davison from Hebburn

## Department of Health Describes the Project as Innovative.

Mersey Care will deliver the project in partnership with Liverpool and Sefton Health Partnerships (LSHP) via the Local Finance Improvement Trust (LIFT) scheme. This partnership is supported by Community Health Partnerships (which is part of the Department of Health) and is seen as a groundbreaking development.



## Tenders for a Construction and Facilities Company placed in November 2009.

The tender will attract significant interest both locally and nationally and the intention is to engage contractors by April 2010 to work with the Trust, with a planned start on both sites in early 2011.

Key Milestones	Timescale
Advertise for a construction and facilities company	Nov 2009
LIFT Stage 1 business case completed	June 2010
LIFT Stage 2 business case completed	Dec 2010
Start building the two new centres	Feb 2011
Move into the two new centres	Feb 2013

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## Proposed Sites

**“We are currently looking to gain planning permission to build two new centres on the current Walton General Hospital site, and on the old Ian Skelly garage site, Edge Lane. Both sites are ideal because they are local to the people who will use them, they are big enough and have good public transport links.**

**John Doyle (Project Director)**



## Engaging with Local Communities

An open evening was held with residents and councillors from Walton which allowed local residents to look at the proposed building designs and also to raise any concerns. The meeting was well received and a similar event will be held in the Edge Lane area in the near future.

A meeting with Liverpool planners took place last week and again our plans received a positive response. Whilst there is still work to be done this is a significant step to finally developing these two modern, fit for purpose buildings in prominent parts of the city.

## User-led New Building Designs

The designs for the new centres have been developed through the involvement of service users, carers and staff and have received design approval from the Department of Health.

Each new centre will accommodate approximately 75 in-patients, within 15-bedded units. The units will be ground floor, with courtyard gardens and en-suite single bedrooms. Other features include activity and therapy spaces, a café, and a learning zone.



Photos by MAAP Architects



Further information can be found on our website [www.merseycare.nhs.uk](http://www.merseycare.nhs.uk)

## Successful Department of Health Review

The Department of Health carried out a review, called Gateway 2. The reviewers interviewed approximately 30 key stakeholders to determine the level of confidence that the project will successfully deliver the new centres. The review went very well, and concluded the project had a great deal of support from local commissioners, service users, carers and staff. The project was commended as “best practice” for the creative ways it involved people.

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