

Shotley Bridge Community Hospital

Adult Health and Wellbeing Overview
and Scrutiny Committee – 17th March
2025



Project Update

- Re-design and value engineering completed end 2023 and revised scheme costs submitted to NHP for approval
- Ongoing dialogue with NHP to gain assurance on design and to secure funding to progress the design business cases into 2024/25 financial years
- May election announcements halt all major government decisions and new government appointed July 2024
- DHSC to undertake review of NHP on cost and timescales
- SoSfH announcement January 2025 – SBCH would be a wave 1 scheme for construction commencement in 2026/27



Re-Mobilisation

- Project team and contractors are unable to remobilise until funding is released – required by April 2025
- Programme timelines are being developed that will drive the funding requirements for 2025/26
- 2025/26 programme to include site acquisition and remediation on the agreed Consett site
- OBC based on the redesign model will require substantial refresh given time lapsed – commence FBC immediately after OBC submission
- Contractor, architects and all project team members are ready to start as soon as funding is available

Budget and Timeline

- Overall scheme budget will be set following the NHP Major Programme Review outcomes - awaited
- Timelines currently indicative, but construction expected to be towards final quarter of 2026/27
- Planning will require refresh but unlikely to be full permission requirements – working with planning dept now.
- Expected completion 2028/29 – dependent on timeline and cashflow

