



May 2024: Sherwood Forest Hospitals official opening of the new Discharge Lounge

A new and spacious Discharge Lounge opened at King's Mill Hospital on Friday 3 May 2024. The new lounge, which has had a complete re-design and will have significantly increased capacity, to improve how patients move through the hospital, was officially opened on Friday 3 May.

June 2024: Providing patients with a fast diagnosis when skin cancer is suspected

A new tele-dermatology service that provides patients who have suspected skin cancer with faster diagnosis and treatment has started at Sherwood Forest Hospitals Trust. Already established at King's Mill Hospital with patients benefitting from the shorter waiting times, the service was also extended to Newark Hospital from Monday 10 June.



June 2024: First patient in the East Midlands is treated with new Parkinson's drug

A Derby man who is one of the first in the country to receive a new treatment for Parkinson's disease says it has been life changing. The successful implementation of Produodopa at SFH heralds a new era in the management of advanced Parkinson's disease.



July 2024: Veteran award celebrations at King's Mill Hospital

Professor Sir Jonathan Van-Tam joined celebrations at Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust to mark the work it is doing to support the Armed Forces community and achieving the highest available, gold accreditation standard from the Veterans Covenant Healthcare Alliance (VCHA).

July 2024: 'Musical hospital' to provide music as a healing tool for patients

Hospital patients are set to benefit from regular therapeutic music-making thanks to a two-year partnership between a local hospital Trust and a group of healthcare musicians.



September 2024: "Martha's Rule" launches at King's Mill Hospital

Sherwood Forest Hospitals was among the first in the UK to introduce Martha's Rule, which provides patients and their families with easy access to an urgent review if their condition worsens.



October 2024: Improved sexual health services for Nottingham and Nottinghamshire residents

From October 2024, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire residents will benefit from an enhanced Integrated Sexual Health Service.

The service will be led by Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust in partnership with Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Trust and supported by a remote sexual health service provider, Preventx.

October 2024: Cataract patients to benefit from new one-stop clinic

Patients who have cataracts now benefit from a new one-stop clinic which reduces the need for multiple hospital visits ahead of surgery.

The clinic at Ashfield Health Village in Kirkby-in-Ashfield will also help to reduce overall waiting times for surgery.



November 2024: Longer opening hours at Newark Urgent Treatment Centre

New, extended opening hours at Newark Urgent Treatment Centre (UTC) began from Monday 11 November 2024.

From that date, the UTC will open between 8am – 10.30pm, seven days a week, offering an extended window for patients to access essential healthcare services.



December 2024: Sherwood Forest Hospitals Breaks Ground on Nottinghamshire's First Purpose-Built Community Diagnostic Centre

A significant milestone was met with the "first spade in the ground" ceremony, marking the official start of construction for Nottinghamshire's first purpose-built Community Diagnostic Centre (CDC) at Mansfield Community Hospital.

January 2025: Planning approval granted for Sherwood Forest Hospitals new MRI build

Planning approval was granted for a new purpose-designed, Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) building at King's Mill Hospital.



February 2025: Trust launches walking aid reuse and recycle

The Trust launched the walking aid return and reuse scheme. Members of the public were able to return unused metal walking aids such as crutches, sticks and frames. The equipment is safety checked, repaired, and reissued where appropriate, or recycled when not safe for reuse.



March 2025: Patients attending the maternity unit at King's Mill Hospital can expect high standards of care, after the unit received positive scores in the annual CQC Maternity survey.

The trust saw higher than average scores in most areas, coming in at number 2 out of 34 Trusts surveyed for antenatal care, and scoring highly in questions relating to mental health support.

April 2025: Trust are first in the East Midlands to offer Revolutionary CT Scanning for Cardiac patients

Sherwood Forest Hospitals became the first Trust in the East Midlands to install the GE HealthCare Revolution™ Apex Elite Cardiac CT Scanner which was unveiled by three times Paralympic gold medallist Charlotte Henshaw, MBE at a launch event in the hospital.

