

Works Notice

Tamworth Mental Health Unit

25 November 2024

Construction starting on link bridge

The Tamworth Mental Health Unit project team is constructing a bridge that will connect the new mental health facility to Level 2 of the Acute Services Building (ASB).

Construction of the link bridge will involve temporary changes to the way the Emergency Department (ED) main entrance is accessed, including occasional reduced availability of the six car spaces closest to the ED entrance and the drop-off turning bay.

Staff and visitors entering the ED from the main entrance should be aware of temporary changes to parking and pedestrian access in the vicinity. At some points, the ED access road will be closed or partially closed. Signage, barriers and traffic control will be in use at various times.

There may also be some minor noise, vibration or dust in the area.

Staff working in the three levels of the hospital at the ED end have been consulted on this work to ensure daily services can continue.



Staged approach to complete bridge construction

The link bridge construction will involve several stages (exact timing will depend on factors such as the weather):

Timing (to be confirmed)	Activity	Likely impact
25 November-11 December	The retaining wall outside ED will be partially demolished and two columns installed to support the bridge.	A temporary exclusion zone will be created that involves the relocation of five ED car spaces. Pedestrian access will be redirected. Acoustic blankets will be used to reduce noise and vibration from demolition works.
16-17 December	Enclosed hoarding will be constructed in the Level 2 corridor at the point where the bridge will connect with the hospital building.	The hoarding will contain any dust and minimise noise and vibration. Corridor access to the fire door and comms room will be maintained.
6-8 January	Hand tools will be used to break through the wall at the Level 2 corridor to create the opening for the bridge connection. Pedestrian ramp installed in garden.	Minor noise and pedestrian redirection around the exclusion zone. Outdoor table and seating relocated.
9 January	The bridge will be delivered to the site in three sections, transported on trucks that will enter via the ED access road and exit via the ambulance bay driveway.	The eastern end of ED road will be closed temporarily and the six ED car spaces relocated to near the main public car park. Traffic control will be in place. The ED main entrance will be closed during this time and visitors directed to enter via the chapel, using the pedestrian ramp.
10 January	The exclusion zone will be reduced while the bridge façade and roof are completed.	The ED road will remain partially closed.
13-21 January	Final façade work on the bridge.	Temporary redirection of pedestrians and removal of one ED car space.

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