

Title:	Improvement works at Paignton Hospital		
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As part of Torbay Care Trust's Estates Strategy various backlog maintenance schemes and building refurbishment projects have been undertaken at all the Trust's properties in the last two years. Included in this programme has been a range of works undertaken this financial year at Paignton Hospital.

Main contractors and sub-contractors started on site on 1st June 2009 to progress the agreed backlog maintenance and refurbishment work. The scope of works included improvements to the heating system, replacement of boilers who had reached the end of their operational life, redecorations, installation of a replacement generator and plant room facilities and emergency lighting upgrades/fire alarm replacement. In effect a range of plant and equipment were nearing obsolescence to various degrees. The total cost of the capital investment in the project is £450,000.

In the 35 bedded Coverdale ward the project work was completed at the end of August. As well the area being redecorated work was also undertaken to improve the privacy and dignity aspects of the accommodation for patient's access to toilets and bathrooms.

In September improvements were undertaken in the Minor Injuries Unit and adjacent consultancy space. The area had to close for three weeks to complete all the necessary backlog maintenance and refurbishment activity. The work at the Unit included the replacement of ceilings, upgrading of general and emergency lighting and electrics, improvements to consulting rooms, as well as general redecoration.

This and other areas required investment in the Hospital as it is important our buildings are maintained in a state which allows us to provide care in a safe and pleasant environment and to ensure that our infrastructure is reliable.

During October further redecorations and improvements will take place in the kitchens and other areas of the Hospital building and it is envisaged that all aspects of the scheme will be completed during November.

Steve Honeywill,
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