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Two New Mental Health Hospitals to Open in the West Midlands in 2024

Two new purpose built emergency mental health inpatient services in the West Midlands are both under construction and are due open in mid-2024.

The new hospitals, to be called Cygnet Hospital Oldbury and Cygnet Hospital Wolverhampton, will be run by leading provider of mental health services, Cygnet Group, and will offer Psychiatric Intensive Care Units (PICU) and acute services for adults, with the female services located at Oldbury and the male services at Wolverhampton.

Both hospitals will have a full multi-disciplinary team (MDT) and will support the acute needs of adults requiring rapid access to mental health services, including those who may need an intensive care environment.

The focus will be on length of stay and making sure individuals move as quickly and safely as possible from our services to the most appropriate and least restrictive environment for them.

Both hospitals will provide safe and comfortable environments to promote successful recovery. Facilities will include, gardens, en-suite bedrooms, therapy rooms, multi-faith rooms, a gym, treatment rooms, communal lounges, dining rooms, quiet lounges, and meeting rooms.

Between them the two new hospitals will bring more than 200 new jobs to the West Midlands with a range of career opportunities that includes health care professionals, clinicians, nurses, catering, domestics and administrative roles.

Lee Hammon, Cygnet's Chief Commercial Officer, said: "2024 is an important year of organic growth for Cygnet. As part of this, we are delighted to be extending our care pathways within the West Midlands region to offer new PICU/acute facilities for adult men and women.

"With the increase in need for specialist mental health services, we want to be part of the solution and work together with our NHS partners to provide the best treatment and facilities to help people on their recovery journey.

"The new hospitals will be purpose-built to meet the latest specifications for improving mental health within a therapeutic environment, and will ensure that

people from the West Midlands can receive the treatment and care they need close to family and friends."

Dr Tony Romero, CEO of Cygnet Group, said the pandemic had a huge impact on people's mental health and it is anticipated that an extra 500,000 people across the UK will experience mental health difficulties because of Covid-19.

He added: "It is our priority to ensure those suffering with their mental health get the very best support they need. Cygnet's new hospitals in the West Midlands will complement the range of mental health services we already deliver in the area and we are delighted that we will soon be able to support more people who need our help.

"The current demand nationally is surging and with that increase in need for specialist mental health services, we want to be part of the solution and work together with the NHS to provide the best treatment and facilities to help people on their recovery journey.

"The new hospitals will be purpose-built to meet the latest NHS specifications for improving mental health within a therapeutic environment. I look forward to seeing the difference the facilities will make to so many people."

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