

Time lapse of the new Sick Kids Hospital



We were up at the Sick Kids a few months back on a very cold morning when the sod cutting ceremony took place. Now only a short time later, NHS Lothian has made a time lapse video of the construction.

Work on the £150 million Royal Hospital for Sick Children and Department of Clinical Neurosciences started at the end of February this year.

The new video, which shows a bird's-eye view of the site, condenses the first four months of building works into a three minute montage.

The time lapse images show the site being transformed by contractor Brookfield Multiplex as the seasons change from winter, spring and into summer.

Piling rigs, cranes and HGVs are seen moving around the site as ground works begin. Gradually the basement of the six storey building and the cores which will form part of the main concrete 'superstructure' become more visible as the video progresses.

Jim Crombie, Chief Officer, NHS Lothian, said: "It's great to see things progressing well on site. This video shows just how much has been achieved over the first few months of construction and we look forward with anticipation to seeing that continue.

"We are now starting to see the main structures appearing above the ground and we await another project milestone over the next month or so, with the installation of the four tower

cranes on site.

“The new hospital building will bring many benefits for our patients, their families and our staff, not least a modern facility designed to meet their needs.”



Alasdair Fernie, Project Director, Brookfield Multiplex Construction Europe Ltd, said: “The project has had a great start with the piling being completed on schedule. The superstructure will now be the main site activity up to the end of 2015, along with the facade works and early internal fit-out.

“We have had great success working within the live hospital campus and will continue to work closely with NHS Lothian to ensure the building process has no effect on the day to day running of the existing hospital and local community.”

The new building which will adjoin the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh at child and adult Emergency Departments will open to the public in late autumn 2017.

The development will see services from the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Department of Clinical Neurosciences and Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service co-located into a modern and high-quality facility.