

**Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act Reference 2022.227  
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Thank you for your email received 11 November 2022 requesting information regarding Victoria Memorial Hospital, Deal.

Please find detailed below a summary of your request, together with our response.

**Summary of your original request:**

**1. Will the hospital continue as an NHS hospital on the whole site?**

KCHFT deliver a number of patient-facing services on the Deal site including an Urgent Treatment Centre (UTC) and a Ward. There have been no discussions with the Integrated Care Board (ICB) about ceasing these services.

Also on the site there are offices for some of our community based teams (Community Adult Nursing, Acute Response Team) together with other NHS services provided by other providers; there are no plans to move these services away from Deal.

**2. Can you confirm that all services there will be free at the point of delivery?**

There are currently no chargeable services at the site and there are no plans for any in the future.

**3. Will there be a complete range of Health Maintenance services such as Blood Testing, Diabetic Eye Treatments, Heart Monitoring and treatment of other chronic ailments?**

These are not services that the Trust provides on this site. However, as a landlord we will link with the ICB and offer up vacant space if available to accommodate any commissioned services for that area which could include the above-mentioned Health Maintenance services.

**4. Will the 'walk in' Minor Injuries service continue?**

Yes, the Urgent Treatment Centre will continue.

**5. Will there be no selling off of any of the land on which the hospital is situated or usage of the land for private treatment, which will be charged to the patient?**

There is no current plan to sell off any land on this site.

**6. What was the reason for the recent change of ownership of the Hospital?**

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DHSC invited NHS trusts to take ownership of healthcare buildings owned by NHS Property Services resulting in reduction of our leasehold liabilities. We firmly believe buildings should be owned locally, generating benefits for patients, communities and colleagues.

These are exciting developments for everyone who works, uses, visits and volunteers at these hospitals. KCHFT also aims to develop Victoria Hospital as a hub of community care by further extending the use of the site to other healthcare providers, including social prescribing. Discussions are also underway with the voluntary sector in Deal to make sure support groups have a space at the heart of hospital.