

## Equans to Deliver Hard FM Services at New Midland Metropolitan University Hospital

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**Equans**, has commenced mobilisation on the delivery of a 5-year hard FM services contract with ongoing project works at Sandwell and West Birmingham NHS Trust's new Midland Metropolitan University Hospital (MMUH) in Smethwick.

The major new healthcare facility, which was recently granted the go ahead [to open on 6 October](#) will provide emergency, maternity, children's, and adult acute inpatient services for a population of over half a million. This facility will seamlessly bring together all acute and emergency care services currently situated across City Hospital and Sandwell Hospital.

Situated within a designated regeneration zone, the new hospital represents not just progress in healthcare but the opportunity to revitalise the region through increasing skills, employment, and wages, attracting new business and investment and encouraging new housing and infrastructure investment.

Matt Ellis, Business Unit Director at Equans UK & Ireland, said: "We are immensely proud to support Sandwell and West Birmingham NHS Trust at the new Midland Metropolitan University Hospital. Our dedicated onsite team will deliver essential hard FM services and future project works, further strengthening our long-standing partnership with the Trust. The new hospital will introduce a transformative model of care that will enhance health outcomes for communities across Sandwell and West Birmingham. As a leading FM and energy services specialist, Equans is committed to helping the NHS achieve its key objectives by providing critical facilities management and driving sustainability at healthcare sites across the UK."

Following the decision to grant the go-ahead for MMUH to open, Trust Chairman Sir David Nicholson commented: "This is truly a key moment for our patients, people, and population as we know that this winter, we will be delivering emergency care in an environment which exceeds expectations and delivers benefits in wellbeing both for patients and our staff. Our board carefully considered extensive information about all aspects of the programme to deliver the new hospital safely. We are assured of the clinical safety, patient, and staff experience case for opening and transferring patients. These key milestones mark the final steps in our journey towards opening the Midland Metropolitan University Hospital which is poised to become the centre of acute and emergency care at our Trust."

For more information about the Midland Metropolitan University Hospital, visit: <https://www.swbh.nhs.uk/our-new-hospital/>