

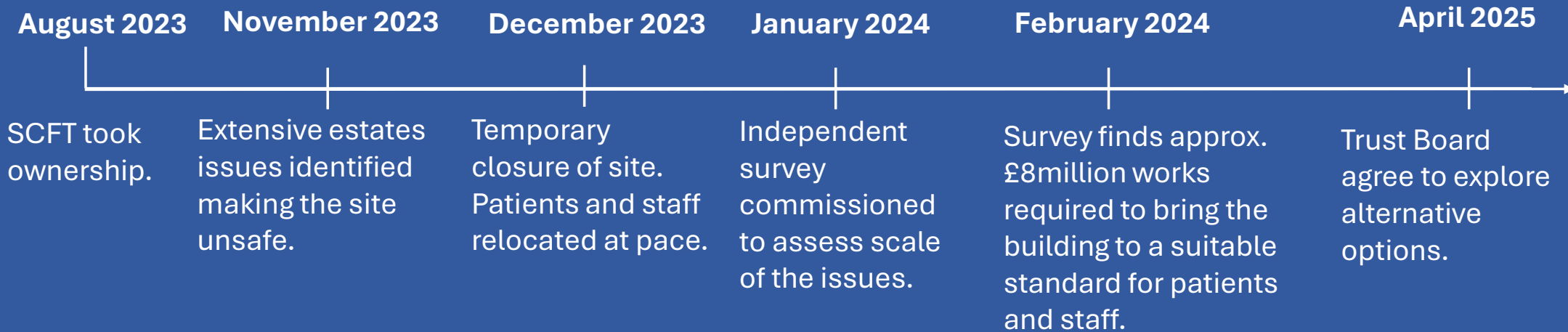


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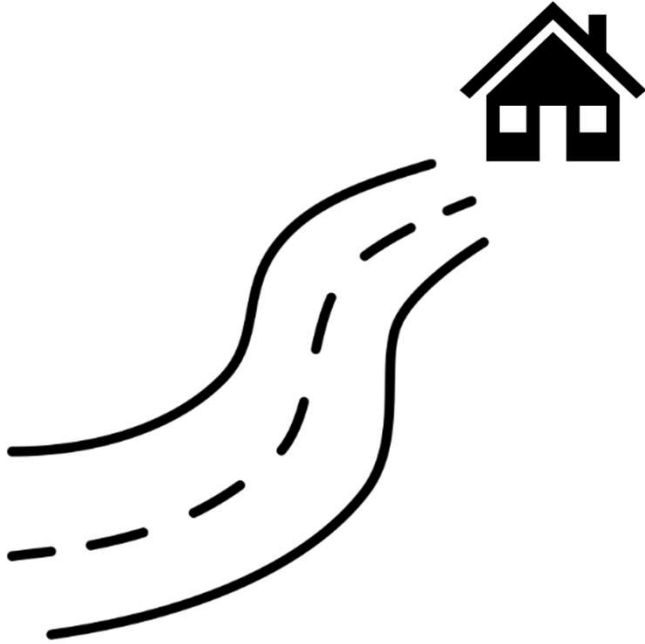
# Zachary Merton Hospital timeline



# How are we supporting patients?



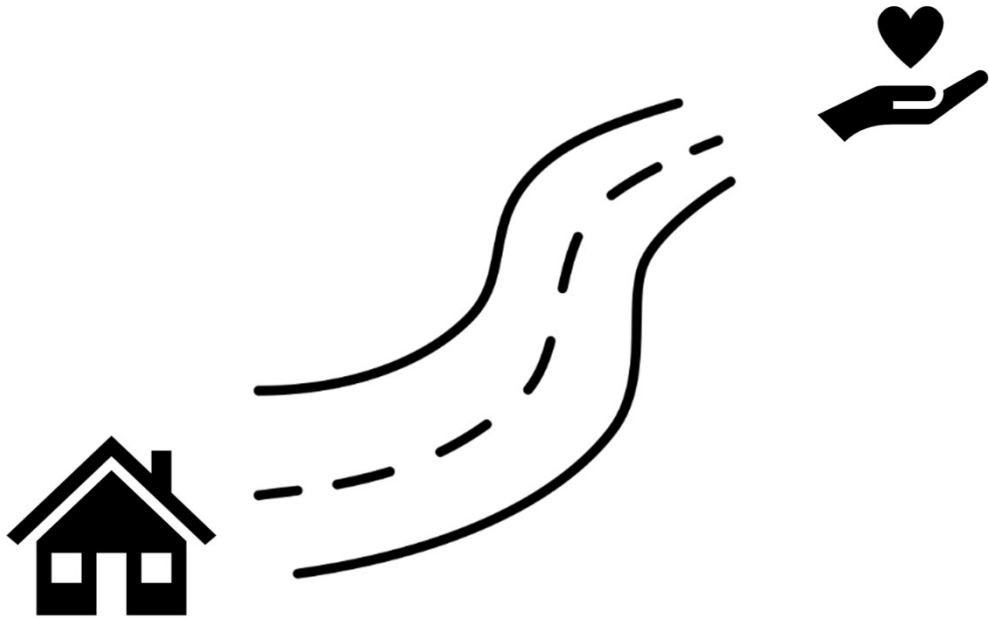
For patients needing  
rehabilitation and recovery



## HomeFirst and Urgent Community Response

- Patients are supported by Home First to recover at home after leaving hospital, rather than staying in hospital longer than needed.
- Patients receive care and support from a team of healthcare professionals who visit them at home, helping them in the early days after discharge. The team monitors their health, provides treatment where needed, and can respond quickly if their condition changes.
- Patients are supported to regain their independence, recover in familiar surroundings, and reduce the likelihood of needing to go back into hospital.

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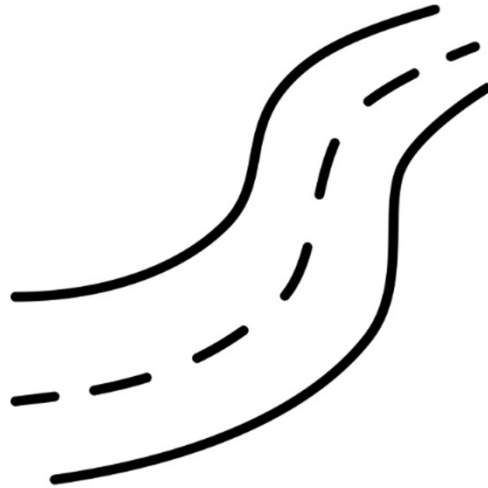


For patients who need support to stay well at home, and avoid going into hospital

## Virtual Wards and Urgent Community Response

- Patients are supported to stay out of hospital through Virtual Wards, which provide hospital-level care in the comfort of their own home.
- Patients receive regular monitoring, treatment, and support from healthcare professionals, helping them manage their condition safely without needing to be admitted to hospital.
- Patients are also supported by Urgent Community Response teams, who work closely with local ambulance services to provide rapid care at home when needed.
- This helps ensure patients receive the right support quickly and can avoid unnecessary hospital visits.

# How are we supporting patients?



## Intermediate Care Units

- For patients with needs that cannot be cared for at home, they continue to receive care through our network of Intermediate Care Units.
- We have 9 across West Sussex including Bognor Regis, Arundel and Salvington Lodge, Worthing.

For patients with complex needs that need support to come out of acute hospital

# What does this mean for local people?

- In the 25 months since the temporary closure, our services supported **1,539 people** from the local area to be discharged from an acute bed. This is an **11% increase** on the period leading up to the closure.
- Urgent Community Response (including Homefirst), virtual wards have enabled more of those local patients to go straight home after an acute stay and still receive the care they need.

25-month period	ICU admissions	HomeFirst & UCR	Virtual wards	Total people cared for
Oct 21 - Oct 23 (Before the temporary closure)	442	929	11	<b>1,382</b>
Dec 23 - Dec 25 (After the temporary closure)	352	1040	147	<b>1,539</b>

Source: SCFT data

The closure of Zachary Merton happened during Nov 2023. Hence the 25 months before and after Nov 2023 have been compared.

