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Subject: **New Concept Design Agreed**

The concept design for the first phase of the new master plan has been agreed with user groups. The first to be built as part of the Wairau Hospital Redevelopment include medical and surgical Inpatients, Theatre and Day Stay Unit, Allied Health, AT&R and Churchill Trust.

Sign off of the concept plan concludes that the users are satisfied with the 'foot print' of their department, co-locations, flows and general functional arrangements.

This agreement triggers the start of the Preliminary Design (phase 1) which further develops the concept design and confirms the room relationships, co-locations and the design is put in to a CAD (computer aided design) format.

Concept design for phase 2 departments that will be located in refurbished areas (Emergency, Child and Youth, Imaging, Mental Health, non clinical services and Outpatient) will begin in early April.

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