



The future of Broadmoor Hospital's sirens
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History of security at Broadmoor Hospital

- Broadmoor Hospital built in 1863
- New buildings added in the 1980s and 2006
- In 1952 John Straffen escaped, by climbing a shed and jumping over wall
- Introduction of sirens – further sirens in 1960s
- 900 patients in 1950/1960s
- Most recent escape – over 20 years ago



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The Tilt Review

- Most significant changes to security at Broadmoor followed the 2001 Tilt Review – by Sir Richard Tilt, former head of English Prison Service
 - Followed investigation into security at Ashworth Hospital
 - Set standards for security at Ashworth, Broadmoor and Rampton
 - Security is not just **Physical**
Procedural
Relational



Security at Broadmoor today

- Complies with Category B prison standards
- Secure perimeter (two fences, anti climb measures, supported by over 300 cameras, fence alarmed around entire perimeter)
- Annual audits on standards of security
 - 99, 99 and 97 percent in last three years
- Major incident exercises and training
 - Contingency planning with police and local authorities
- 900 staff at Broadmoor and 200 patients
- We KNOW our patients – we know the risks they present and manage accordingly



Security at Broadmoor today (cont'd.)

- We work with Thames Valley Police and local authority emergency planning groups
- Schools information cascade – tested each term and on at least 2 other occasions throughout the year
- Media, social media through our communications team
- Our security has been designed to prevent an escape ever happening again.



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Which sirens do we decommission?

- The local area has changed considerably – now commercial as well as residential
- Some areas now occupied are not covered by the existing sirens
- We want to provide assurance to our local communities - keep the sirens local to the hospital
- Must use public money wisely and effectively.



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Future of Broadmoor

- The new hospital has security designed into its fabric
- It will be the most modern high secure hospital in UK
- It will see the replacement of outdated Victorian buildings with new purpose-built hospitals
- These will provide improved environments in which to deliver clinical care.
- They will help patients in their recovery, reduce treatment times and support more efficient delivery of care. Our patients remain with us between 5
- Further information on the WLMHT website



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A hospital, *not a prison*, caring for patients, *not prisoners*, in the most humane and scientifically informed way, at the same time as *reducing the risk to society* posed by the most severely mentally ill.



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