

MRC London Institute of Medical Sciences (LMS)

IN MEMORY OF - DAVID SMITH -

31 March 1956 - 6 October 2021



We sadly report that we had a devastating occurrence on site on Wednesday the 6th of October with the death of David Smith, an electrical supervisor, who suffered a heart attack on site. Despite the strenuous and lengthy efforts of our first aiders and then professional medical help from the hospital, ICL and paramedics, it was not possible to revive him.

The site was stood down on Thursday 7th for a minute's silence and a touching eulogy was delivered to all of the site personnel by his company's MD. The operatives on site responded with a wish to start a collection for his family and a donation pot was immediately set up.

It is a tragic event that the site is coming to terms with and support is being offered to all who feel they need assistance in dealing with the impact. Our thoughts are with David's family, friends and colleagues.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

In the period the main visible progress is that more scaffold has been dismantled from the south and west elevations from roof level down to 7th. The next area of scaffold strike will be to the same levels on the northern elevation.

Internally, the balustrading has been completed to the southern core escape stair. The last section of the atrium main stair is now fitted and the steel plate balustrade is being carefully installed.

On the 1st floor the Trovex hygienic wall covering and paint to other walls and ceilings have started to be applied along with the first "mist" coats to the 2nd and 3rd floor levels.

Plastering is progressing up the building and is now on the 3rd and 4th floor levels. The corridor ceilings are being installed over the weekends to overcome the high volume of personnel passing along in these high traffic areas.

On the 8th floor plantroom level, pipework and power cabling to the large items of plant is underway and ductwork and mechanical services are continuing.

On the 1st floor, all available rooms have been air leak tested and ceilings are being plastered, while laboratory ceiling install are now continuing on levels 2, 3 and 4.

The site endured a natural water leak test on 4th October when 26mm of rain fell in one hour. We are delighted to confirm that the building remained completely dry throughout despite flooding issues on the surrounding roads and fields.

Please contact the site team should you have any questions regarding the works.

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