

PFI projects in Oxford include the £20m Oxford Children’s Hospital and JR West Wing, the Oxford Cancer Centre, and the Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre.

The Oxford University Hospitals Trust (OUH) faces an annual bill of about £53m to fund repayments on the private loans taken out to pay for developments such as the Children’s Hospital and Oxford Cancer Centre.

The payments on the building cost are something like half the total PFI payment. The other payments are for outsourced services.

In 2012 it was announced that Oxford hospitals had to make cuts in expenditure of £160 million over the next four years. But repayments on PFI contracts can not be cut; they are protected from the government’s plans to cut £2 billion from healthcare. The result is cuts in staff.

PFI projects in Oxford

Hospital	Capital spend	Total repayment
John Radcliffe	£134 million	£1,131.2 million
Nuffield Orthopaedic	£37 million	£321 million
Cancer Centre	£129 million	£890.1 million
Overall	£300 million	£2,343.2 million