



Milestones in our history

1978	Idea of a Hospice in York was suggested by four local members of the Royal College of Nursing
October 1978	Public meeting held to gauge support
December 1978	Steering Committee formed under Trevor Copley, who remained Chairman of the Hospice until 2002
1978 – 1982	'Informal' fundraising underway
May 1982	Appeal launched for £750,000 by Archbishop Stuart Blanch
	
November 1983	Foundation stone laid by Archbishop John Habgood
February 1984	Day Hospice opens one day a week.
September 1984	Construction of in-patient unit completed
11 February 1985	First in-patient admitted
1 June 1985	Official opening by our Patron, HRH The Duchess of Kent
1986	Day Hospice opens two days a week
1987	Day Hospice opens three days a week
January 1988	500th in-patient admitted
September 1990	1,000th in-patient admitted
December 1990	Extensions added with space for physiotherapy and occupational therapy
February 1993	1,500th in-patient admitted
June 1995	2,000th in-patient admitted
October 1998	£2 million Millennium Appeal launched
	
February 2000	15th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service
July 2000	Work begins on-site for the new annexe
October 2000	Foundation stone of annexe laid by The Archbishop of York, Dr David Hope
July 2001	£2 million appeal target is reached
November 2001	Patients and staff move into new building
Winter 2001	Original Hospice buildings redeveloped

July 2002	 <p>Official Opening by HRH The Duke of York</p>
June 2003	Hospice Weekly Prize Draw launched
February 2005	Thanksgiving Service at York Minster for twenty years.
December 2005	 <p>Dr John Sentamu, Archbishop of York, becomes the President of St Leonard's Hospice</p>
December 2009	Hospice@Home pilot scheme launched
January 2010	St Leonard's Hospice Silver Jubilee Year begins
June 2010	25th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service at York Minster

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