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New Medical Centre set to deliver 1st class healthcare from 'landmark' building



Doctors and staff at The Willow Surgery in Coronation Road, Downend are delighted to announce that they will be relocating to new purpose built premises in Hillhouse Road, Downend, next year. The size of the current surgery in Coronation Road is woefully inadequate; currently, the practice is unable to provide any additional services for patients due to lack of space and parking facilities are very limited. The move will enable the Practice to greatly enhance the services it provides to its patients as the new surgery will be a lot bigger than the existing one, with an on-site pharmacy and more parking spaces.

The new surgery is a NHS development funded by the partners; Drs Conrad, Benazon, Simons, Evans, Bagshaw and Richmond at The Willow Surgery with financial support from South Gloucestershire Primary Care Trust and The Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS)

Ashley House plc have a vast experience in delivering high quality Primary Health Care developments, nationwide and were appointed at the outset to facilitate the relocation of the Practice. The new surgery, being built on part of the former Downend Lower School is due to be opening its doors in May 2009. Barratt Homes are also building around 50 residential units on the land previously occupied by the school.

To mark an exciting stage in the development of the Willow Surgery, the doctors have arranged with Ashley House to have a 'Topping Out' ceremony. This marks the beginning of the final phase of the external construction of the healthcare development.

Once completed, this excellent new facility will offer patients a family friendly service with efficient and easy access to a highly trained team of health care professionals. The practice has 9 doctors and a team of 6 nurses supported by over 20 staff members.

The new surgery will provide modern healthcare services from a 'one-stop shop' and offers a vastly improved environment for patients with enhanced and pleasant working conditions for clinicians and staff. There will be a treatment room suite that includes an operating quality treatment room plus two other treatment rooms. Co-op Pharmacy will dispense prescriptions and provide other pharmacy services. The GPs are enthusiastic about the capacity their new premises will provide for keeping the patient list open, offering new services to the wider community and the potential to offer additional services on site which could include dentistry, physiotherapy, chiropody, counselling services and chiropractor, not all of which will be NHS.

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