



Official Opening of New Modern Health Facility 3rd November 2011

The Mayor of Havant, Councillor Ken Smith has officially opened the impressive new **Cowplain Healthspace**. The opening event was attended by over 200 guests including a wide cross section of Hospital Consultants, Clinicians and healthcare professionals, local councillors and MPs, as well as staff and GPs from the Cowplain Family Practice. The new 2,000 square metre facility, developed by health and community care property partner Ashley House plc, will provide the local community of Waterlooville, Portsmouth and the surrounding area with a truly accessible, high quality, range of integrated health services all under one roof, an innovative integration of the best that primary and private healthcare can offer.



Dr Roger Norman, a founder of Cowplain Family Practice and Mayor Ken Smith cut the ribbon

The Cowplain Family Practice has moved into the ground floor and now has at its disposal 10 consulting rooms, treatment and nurses rooms, offices and an impressive multi purpose meeting space, a far cry from the recent past where just four consulting rooms served the whole Practice. Also soon to open its doors is a large community Pharmacy scheduled to be open seven days a week from early morning to late in the evening and providing vital integrated support to the wide range of services that are to be delivered from the building.

The balance, and larger part of the building comprising the first and second floors, has been commissioned by Best Practice South, a joint venture between the lead GPs at the Cowplain Practice and Ashley House. Extending to over 1,100 square metres it will provide to both Private and NHS Patients a very wide range of providers and services including Diagnostics, Consultants chambers, Outpatient Clinics, Minor Operations, Dentistry, Physiotherapy, Chiropractors, Sports Injury Clinic and many more.

Services at **Cowplain Family Practice** include;

- 5 NHS GPs and 4 nurses
- Healthcare support worker
- 10 consulting rooms
- 2 treatment rooms
- Teaching / Training facility with medical students attached to the practice for short periods
- Large meeting room with presentation facilities

Services at the **Healthspace** facility will include;

- Diagnostic imaging, Ultrasound, MRI scanning
- Dental Practice (2 dentists, 1 hygienist) plus private dental facilities, OPG x-ray
- 12 consulting rooms all finished to a very high specification
- 2 treatment /procedure rooms
- Gymnasium /physiotherapy suite
- Specialist outpatient clinics
- Alternative therapies
- Pharmacy

This integration of an existing NHS GP practice and the new Healthspace facility is set to transform medical services for patients in the area.

The realisation of this important new development is due to the close working relationship which has evolved between two Lead GPs, Dr Tim Wright and Dr Michael Johns of Cowplain Family Practice and Ashley House plc, a national organisation that both designs and develops health and social care property solutions across the UK. Together the GPs and Ashley House have formed a new joint venture company called Best Practice South Limited.

Practice Manager Karen Jeffries proudly stated that after a lot of hard work by all those involved, the completion of the new Medical facility will now provide a fantastic opportunity for GPs, consultants, patients and staff to come together in the development of a combined approach to local health issues in stylish and modern surroundings.



Left to right: Julieanne Page, Best Practice South Limited with Mayor Ken Smith, Dr Tim Wright and Steve Minion, Executive Deputy Chairman, Ashley House Plc., Dr Michael Johns, Karen Jeffries, Business Manager for Cowplain Family Practice.

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