



Press Release

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St Luke's Medical Centre ground breaking ceremony marks start of new development

Construction of the new St Luke's Medical Centre in Duston, Northamptonshire has now commenced.

The new building will replace Dr Astbury & Partners' existing surgery buildings currently located on the Harlestone Road and at the Duston Medical Centre and will provide 2,100 square metres of primary care and associated accommodation.

The new premises are designed to enhance medical service provision for the local community via modern and more accessible facilities. When completed the flagship building will include multiple consulting and treatment rooms, offering patients greater services delivered from a modern day setting. There will also be a pharmacy and other complementary services including an optician and a dentist.

The building is being developed for the practice by Ashley House, the leading health and social care property partner. Ashley House works with GPs, NHS Trusts and other health and social care bodies to deliver estate solutions which ultimately enhance user experience and service offering. The doctors have been supported throughout the projects development by NHS Northamptonshire.

The new surgery is expected to open in September 2012.

Graham Jamison, Managing Partner at the practice said

"We are very excited about the prospect of moving to a new purpose built Health Centre. Over the last ten years the practice has almost doubled in size to 20,000 patients and the current buildings are now very cramped. The new building will be a significant improvement for both staff and patients and will give the practice the opportunity to provide the widest range of service possible to our patients."

Kevin Joyce, Primary Care Estates Manager at NHS Northamptonshire added

"NHS Northamptonshire fully supports the development of St Luke's Medical Centre. The new Medical Centre will provide a range of primary care services to meet the health needs of people in Duston and the surrounding area, closer to home, within brand new, purpose built facilities."

Ian Shrimpton, Ashley House's Regional Development Manager concluded

"We are delighted to see this project start on site and look forward to seeing the GPs and their patients enjoying and benefitting from the new premises next year. The completed building will be a flagship healthcare facility for the staff and patients and one we are very proud to have been selected to work on."



Pictured left to right: Ian Shrimpton, Regional Development Manager at Ashley House (far left), Dr Philip Astbury, Senior Partner at Dr Astbury & Partners (centre). Nick Clark, Senior Construction Manager at Ashley House (far right). Shown along with staff from the practice.