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## **Building work to start on health and community centre for Stanwell**



It's all systems go for Stanwell's new health and community centre in Hadrian's Way.

On 5 April 2010 work starts on the state of the art Stanwell Health and Community Centre (on the former Stanwell Day Centre site). The centre will be the new home for St David's health centre and teams from Surrey Community Health. It will also house Stanwell library, a community café and a pharmacy.

St David's Health Centre will be the major user of the facility, providing five experienced and committed doctors for the local community of Stanwell and Stanwell Moor. The practice has also been training GPs for over 10 years. After demolition starting 12 April 2010, the project will be completed in May 2011.

St David's Family Practice, said:

"This project shows our long term commitment to provide excellent healthcare for our patients."

Patients will also benefit from the new treatment rooms, a range of outpatient appointments, dedicated space for therapy services and facilities for minor surgery.

Paul Bennett, Deputy Chief Executive at NHS Surrey, said:

"This is great news for patients and all the staff currently based at St David's. The project has taken huge strides forwards and the area's excellent health services will soon be in a building to match. Having a

pharmacy on site will make prescription collecting that much easier and convenient for patients. And with so much under one roof, the new centre is going to be a vibrant and exciting development for the community.”

The library will be operated by Surrey County Council and will provide the usual service but by linking with the coffee shop area, there will be the opportunity to provide other services, such as story time for children, learning opportunities for adults and a host of other activities.

Denise Saliagopoulos, Surrey County Council's Cabinet Member for Community Services, Tourism and the 2012 Games, said: “The opening of Stanwell Health and Community Centre is another step forward in finding creative and cost-effective ways of bringing a range of services together under one roof for the benefit of the local community. This centre will serve as an excellent example as we work towards establishing similar one-stop shops all over the county.”

Leader of Spelthorne Borough Council, Cllr John Packman, said:

“This eagerly awaited development offers greater comfort and convenience for the residents of Stanwell and I thank them for their patience and tolerance. I am only sorry that it has taken so long to bring it to fruition.”

This project is being managed by Ashley House who specialise in planning, designing and developing health and community care premises. The project demonstrates the power of partnership working, with Spelthorne Council, the county council, health services and the voluntary sector all involved in making it a reality.

Ashley House's Chief Executive, Jonathan Holmes, said:

“This is a great community based project and shows what service providers can achieve working in partnership. We're delighted it's now underway and look forward to the opening next year.”

Building work is being carried out by E R Armfield, a local company based in Chertsey.

