

**February 29<sup>th</sup> 2008**

**HRH The Princess of Wales opens new Health Centre at Syston, Leicestershire**



**Syston Health Centre celebrated the opening of its new state of the art healthcare facility by HRH The Princess Royal on 29<sup>th</sup> February 2008**

The Princess was greeted by Dr. Gareth Chidlow and Dr. Philip Green and local dignitaries and taken on a tour of the building, meeting staff and viewing many of the new facilities available.

Up to 300 guests, including local GPs, Consultants and members of the Leicester City Primary Care Trust were invited to an evening reception starting at 6.30pm

The ceremony marked the culmination of a long awaited project to provide modern healthcare and social services for the growing local community in the Syston area.

Based in Syston, Leicestershire, the £6m new health centre is a 2640 square metre building and is the largest facility of its kind in the UK. Designed and developed by designers Ashley House plc it includes an 88 space car park and along with the 2 GP practices the other occupants in the 3 storey healthcare building are the Local PCT, 2 practices, one with 4.5 partners, one 4 session doctor, 2 registrars, 3 part time practice nurses and the other with 5 partners, a registrar, a nurse practitioner and 2 part time practice nurses. The combined Health centre has approximately 22,000 patients.

Syston is a purpose built facility offering accessible and high quality Primary Care to patients in the area and has also created many new jobs for people in the area. A wide range of professional healthcare services are offered at the centre including;

- 31 fully equipped consulting rooms
- 7 Operating Theatres
- 3 Patient recovery rooms
- Mobile MRI scanning
- Echocardiography
- Ultrasound scanning
- Physiotherapy
- On-site Boots Pharmacy
- PCT run – community services
- Hand clinic run by Blue sky Orthopaedics

Dr. Gareth Chidlow said “Our vision from the outset has been to create a one-stop healthcare facility for both NHS and private patients”

Dr. Philip Green said “Our ambition is to continue developing the centre’s facilities and in doing so fully utilise this superb new facility”