

Press Release – October 24th 2011

Balsall Common Health Centre Topping Out Ceremony

A ceremony has been held to commemorate the topping out of the new Balsall Common Health Centre due to open in the spring. Ashley House is the developer and has been working with The Balsall Common & Meriden Group Practice and Solihull Primary Care Trust for a number of years, Ashley House appointed Wildgoose Construction to build the new Health Centre.



Nine doctors will serve 12,500 patients at the new Health Centre on Hallmeadow Road, Balsall Common, Coventry, and at the Practice's branch surgery in nearby Meriden.

(shown left David Hartshorne, Chief Operating Officer, Ashley House plc presents Silver Trowel to Martin Camm, Senior Partner at Balsall Common Health Centre).

The Balsall Common Health Centre is an integrated Primary Care Centre and alongside the Meriden surgery it will offer services such as physiotherapy; chiropody; mental health services; Aquarius counselling and health visitors.

The Centre will replace the Practice's existing premises, which are a short distance away in Meeting House Lane and which currently offer only doctor, nurse appointments and a community ENT clinic due to very limited space.

Balsall Common Clinic, operated by Solihull Primary Care Trust, will also relocate to the new building. The PCT space will house a community nursing team and an NHS dentist. The completed building will also be home to a retail pharmacy.

“The provision of primary healthcare is undergoing significant change; the new health centre will allow the practice and patients to take full advantage of these changes in the delivery and receipt of healthcare. Everyone at the practice is looking forward to working with patients and other agencies to make the most of this wonderful opportunity.”

Joanne Hope, Practice Manager at Balsall Common and Meriden Group Practice

“Working with the end users, the Medical Topics Group and the community, we have been able to design a building fit for purpose that will benefit the local community for years to come”

Janet Marston, Development Manager, Ashley House plc

‘Healthcare investment in infrastructure is a crucial ingredient in the delivery of the essential foundations required to support existing healthcare needs and to provide the capacity for future service development as these needs change. The new ‘state of the art’ Health Centre will enable healthcare professionals to best support the growing Balsall Common population and to focus engagement with the local community to maximise the use of these new resources whilst ensuring a firm grip on the performance and delivery of both traditional and emerging services’.

Richard Whitehouse, Head of Estates, Solihull PCT



In the foreground group from left to right,

Joanne Hope, Practice Manager at Balsall Common and Meriden Group Practice, David Hartshorne, Chief Operating Officer, Ashley House plc, Dr. Martin Camm Senior Partner, Balsall Common and Meriden Group Practice.