

Press Release

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Trellech Surgery turf cutting marks start of new development

On 30th August the surgery development at Trellech, Monmouthshire commenced on site. The new building will replace the existing branch surgery in Monmouth Road, Trellech providing 473m² of space. The new premises are designed to enhance medical provision for the local community via modern and more accessible facilities. It will include a Minor Operations room, Nurse Treatment area and Phlebotomy room in addition to the GP and Nurse consulting rooms, offering patients more services closer to home. The existing surgery is part of the Wye Valley Practice which also treats patients at a surgery in St Briavels.

Ashley House plc, one of the UK's leading health and social care infrastructure specialists, purchased the land from Monmouthshire County Council in March 2011. The Council will relocate and update existing playground equipment which was on the site, with Ashley House funding this work.

This is a very exciting time for all the parties who have worked closely together on this project, including the Wye Valley Practice, Ashley House, the Aneurin Bevan Health Board and NHS Wales Shared Service Partnership - Facilities Services (previously known as Welsh Health Estates) to achieve this new, modern healthcare facility. Ashley House has appointed Cowlin as Building Contractor and the new surgery is expected to open in April 2012.

An Aneurin Bevan Health Board spokesperson said, *"We are very pleased that work is due to start on this exciting project in Trellech. The new Wye Valley Surgery will provide a broad range of local health services; it has been designed for the future and fits with our overall vision for primary care, which is to provide much more care closer to local communities."*

Jonathan Holmes Ashley House's Chief Executive added *"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."*



Pictured left to right: Gary Owens, Construction Manager, Cowlin; Paul Jones, Safety Manager, Cowlin; Paul Evan, Project Manager, Cowlin; Mark Giles, Head of Design, Ashley House; Deborah Harrington, Project Lead, Aneurin Bevan Health Board, Andrew Eustace, NHS Wales Shared Services, Primary Care; Janet Marston, Development Manager, Ashley House; Helen Richards, Practice Manager, Wye Valley Practice; Vivienne Casson, Residents Representative; Jonathan Holmes, Chief Executive, Ashley House; Kim Wells, Project Manager, Ashley House; With shovel, Dr Rowena Christmas, Wye Valley Practice.