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Building work starts on new GP Surgery in Southsea, Hampshire



Drs Tutte, Minay and Stone invited Councillor Mike Hancock CBE MP to cut the turf at a ceremony to celebrate the start of the long awaited brand new surgery development taking place at Carlisle Road in Southsea.

The doctors currently have surgeries in the Somerstown Health Centre and welcome the move to a modern site able to meet the needs of 21st century general practice.

Councillor Hancock has been most supportive of the efforts made to acquire the land for the relocation of the Surgery. This new development will transform local healthcare for the 5,200 patients in the surrounding community. It is being developed on a site recently acquired from Portsmouth City Council and is scheduled for completion in Spring 2009.

This excellent new surgery will be a 2-storey building, fully accessible for the disabled, elderly visitors and young families and will be compliant with the latest environmental legislation. The doctors and senior staff have worked closely with Ashley House plc, the developers, to ensure that the design of the building fits the pattern of work-flow and meets all the needs of the practice and its' patients.

The current services provided by the practice will continue at the new building and, with additional space available, options for extending the range of services will be considered, with a view to providing diversity of care for patients and promoting the use of specialist health care professionals.

Dr Kevin Tutte, Senior GP Partner says "We have been concerned for some time that our current premises are inadequate to cope with the demands of modern General Practice. We are delighted at last to see the reality of a new and modern surgery arriving which will provide space to allow us to improve services to our existing patients and also to expand to register new patients.

Design and Project Management company Ashley House plc, have worked closely with GPs and staff to understand the needs of the practice and patients. The new two storey building will be fully accessible for everyone and meet the latest environmental legislation.