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Turf Cutting ceremony marks beginning of building work at Douglas Grove Surgery, Witham, Essex



Doctors and staff at The Douglas Grove Surgery, Witham are delighted to announce that work is about to commence on their long awaited new surgery building.

The doctors and senior staff have worked closely with Ashley House, the developers, to ensure that the design of the building enables an improved pattern of work-flow and meets all the needs of the practice and its' patients. Ashley House plc have considerable experience in delivering high quality Primary Health Care developments nationwide and were appointed at the outset to facilitate the construction of the new surgery building. The new surgery will be a 2-storey building, fully accessible for disabled and elderly visitors and young families and will be built over two phases to allow the practice to continue to operate during the construction period. The new surgery is due to open in March 2010.

The size of the current surgery is woefully inadequate; currently, the Practice is unable to provide any additional services for patients due to lack of space. The new surgery will provide modern healthcare services which will offer a vastly improved environment for patients, with enhanced and pleasant working conditions for clinicians and staff. There will be a treatment suite that includes an operating quality treatment room plus two other treatment rooms. The GPs are enthusiastic about the capacity of their new premises, which will allow them to continue to keep the patient list open and see the Practice able to offer new services to the wider community.

Once completed, this excellent new facility will offer patients a family friendly service with efficient and easy access to a highly trained team of health care professionals. At present the practice has 2 doctors and a team of 2 nurses supported by an additional 7 staff members but the new building will allow the practice to expand, with a view to taking on another 2 GPs and 2 nurses with the capacity to grow the patient list.

