

Kier starts work on £10.5m Bakewell Integrated Health Hub

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[Kier](#) has been appointed by Derbyshire Community Health Services NHS Foundation Trust and East Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Trust to deliver a new integrated health hub for people living in Bakewell and the Derbyshire Dales.

A turf cutting ceremony marked the start of building work on the £10.5m scheme which will bring together two services under one modern building.

It will provide a modern new home for community health services currently provided in the adjacent outdated 19th century Newholme Hospital, which is earmarked for closure, and the neighbouring former ambulance station which is being demolished to make way for the new health hub.

The new space will include an East Midlands Ambulance Service hub on the ground floor and a waiting area with accessible amenities. On the second floor, there will be ten consultation rooms and four treatment rooms as well as a children's area, group room, office space, large waiting area, baby feeding and changing rooms, toilets and reception.

Prem Singh, chairman of Derbyshire Community Health Services NHS Foundation Trust, welcomed guests to the turf cutting ceremony on Wednesday 24 August. He said: "This investment in healthcare will help to future-proof local health service provision for the next generations of residents in the Bakewell area. We are delighted to be working in close partnership with our ambulance service colleagues to create integrated facilities which support the principle of joined-up care. It has taken a lot of planning, over several years, to get to this stage. We can now enjoy seeing the new building progress over the coming months, knowing what fantastic facilities we will be providing to the local community when the doors open

in early 2024.”

Martin Williamson, operations manager for Kier Construction North & Scotland said, said: “We are delighted to have been appointed to join the Trust team to deliver this important healthcare facility for the people of Bakewell and surrounding areas.

“As leading healthcare contractors, we’re looking forward to using our expertise to create this new integrated health hub which will leaving a lasting legacy for the community.”