

## Belmont Health Centre Opens After £2 Million Refurbishment

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Belmont Health Centre has recently opened after undergoing a £2 million refurbishment scheme, cementing greater health outcomes for the Harrow community. Acting as one of three major hubs in the region, NHS Property Services (NHSPS) completed the works in partnership with Harrow Council and North West London Integrated Care Board.

Two of the previous GP practices – Belmont and Enterprise – merged together and became Belmont Health Centre Practice, with The Circle Practice still operating. Both practices are better placed to offer a greater range of primary care services including a spirometry service.

The 998 sqm facility also hosts an out of hours service, operated by Harrow Health, and to ameliorate previous accessibility issues, automated doors and lower reception counters have been installed.

Window upgrades, lower roof insulation and re-waterproofing, and LED lighting has not only reduced energy consumption, but also increased the previous EPC rating from a Level D to a Level B.

Patient rooms have expanded from 24 to 29 – including four newly created clinical spaces that were previously vacant. The remaining clinical and admin spaces on the ground floor and staff facilities on the first floor have also been refurbished. Infection control measures have been raised to align with current protocols, and new seating has been installed for better patient comfort.

Harrow is a diverse borough with a young population and health inequalities are present across all affluent and deprived areas. To address the needs of the community, the recently opened health centre will rapidly become a local source for excellent healthcare.



Dhiren Ganesh, Senior Strategy Manager for NHSPS, said: "We are delighted to see Belmont Health Centre open after undergoing a much-needed refurbishment scheme. The health centre will now begin providing essential healthcare, which in turn, will secure better health outcomes for the Harrow community."

He added: "Belmont is a major hub in the local community and has been since 1970, but it was unfit-forpurpose. Therefore, we are excited to play a part in facilitating the refurbishment on behalf of NWL ICB and we look forward to collaborating on more projects in the future."

Isha Coombes, Borough Director for NWL ICB, said: "Belmont Health Centre has long been an asset in the community providing health and care services to our residents of Belmont for many years. This refurbishment is part of our ongoing commitment to improving health outcomes in Harrow. We are thrilled to be able to provide patients with a larger, more accessible facility that helps us deliver enhanced primary and community care services."