

Chiswick Health Centre hosts topping out event

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Over 30 people have donned their hi-vis and hardhats to get a glimpse of the under-construction Chiswick Health Centre at a recent topping-out ceremony.

Main contractors Willmott Dixon hosted representatives from [NHS Property Services](#), Hounslow Council, North West London Integrated Care Board, the local Primary Care Network and the three GP practices who will be operating out of the facility once it opens.

The brisk weather did not deter the crowd, who made speeches, undertook a guided tour, and celebrated the milestone with cake and coffee. Equally, it was an important opportunity to highlight the centres various innovations, green spaces, sustainable building practices and materials, and the over 50 affordable housing units that will be available for NHS workers.

Once operational, the site will continue to host the three GP practices – West4GPs, Chiswick Family Practice, and Chiswick Health Practice. It will also be the base for Chiswick PCN and community staff that will deliver a range of primary care services to over 60,000 patients from across Chiswick.

Chiswick Health Centre will also see carbon emissions reduced by 77%, and greater biodiversity with landscaped courtyards, a fifth-floor garden terrace, and a public community green space. Ultimately, once complete the health centre will align with Hounslow Councils, the Mayor of London, and the NHS' environmental commitments to use modern, low pollutant emitting technologies and solutions.

Adrian Powell, Director of Investment & Development Management at NHSPS, said: "Chiswick Health Centre is a major project that has brought together many stakeholders, and to be here today celebrating this milestone is a massive collaborative achievement. I am delighted that we're progressing well with the

build, and I'm look forward to seeing the finished health centre welcome patients early next year."

Cllr Samia Chaudhary, Hounslow Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Public Health and Transformation and Cllr Sue Sampson, Cabinet Member for Housing and Homelessness, said: "We were delighted to attend the topping out ceremony of the new Chiswick Health Centre. This redevelopment project marks a significant milestone in our commitment to providing essential services and support to our NHS key workers while addressing the pressing need for affordable housing in our area.

"This endeavour is a testament to the power of collaboration. The partnership between the London Borough of Hounslow and the National Health Service Property Services (NHSPS) exemplifies what can be achieved when entities come together with a shared vision and purpose."

Richard Poulter, Managing Director at Willmott Dixon Construction, commented: "We are delighted to be working in collaboration with NHSPS and Hounslow Council to deliver such an important project for the community with a focus on sustainable solutions, improved health facilities and housing for key workers in the area. This milestone is a fantastic opportunity to take the time to see the hard work and dedication of all stakeholders involved come to fruition".

Mark Jarvis, Assistant Director Primary Care, Integration & Delivery for Hounslow, added: "It's wonderful to see the progress of this development and all the work that is going in to building this state of the art health centre. This is a significant step forward in an ambitious project that will improve primary care services in Hounslow. This new facility will also provide a range of community services in the Chiswick area. This has been an exciting, collaborative project and the 50 new homes provided by Hounslow Council, primarily for our key workers, will make the impact on our local community even greater."

At the event, Dr Chloe Hillman, GP Partner at Chiswick Health Practice, said: "Working in partnership with our local residents I think we are in an excellent position to help establish new services and groups that can be delivered from the new community spaces and facilities that will be integrated into this build. I can't wait to see how these plans progress over the next year."