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South Bristol Community Hospital clears final hurdle

Building work on the long awaited state-of-the-art South Bristol Community Hospital will be able to begin later this year after full planning consent was granted by Bristol City Council today (12 March).

The new £45 million community hospital will include inpatient beds, diagnostics, day surgery, urgent care, outpatient clinics and community dental facilities.



The hospital is being developed by Bristol Primary Care Trust with Bristol Infracare LIFT Ltd a public/private partnership set up to provide new primary healthcare facilities in Bristol.

Deborah Evans chief executive of Bristol primary care trust said; “We are delighted to get planning permission it will be full steam ahead towards building the hospital now. We will be submitting our final business case for approval by the Department of Health in July and subject to this being approved are expecting that building work to begin this autumn which will mean the hospital can open in the autumn of 2009.

“Local people have told us they want this hospital and the development will make a significant and long lasting contribution to improving the health of people in South Bristol and will be a key development in the Hengrove Park regeneration scheme.”

Health services at the community hospital will include:

- A walk-in minor injuries unit and a GP out-of-hours service
- Operating theatres for day surgery
- Inpatient beds for stroke and rehabilitation
- Clinics for a range of outpatient appointments
- Diagnostic tests such as X-rays, scans and endoscopies
- Dental services and training for student dentists

Mark Nebel Chief Executive of Bristol Infracare LIFT said: “We are very pleased to have planning permission so that we can go forward to building this exciting new hospital. “
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Notes to Editors

The Hengrove Park regeneration project is a £100 million joint private and public sector initiative to redevelop a large former airfield as part of the wider regeneration of South Bristol. This will create a range of high quality jobs and facilities that will improve the local area. It will include a state-of-the-art hospital, a new Higher Education college and a leisure centre incorporating South West England’s only Olympic sized swimming pool.”

Hengrove Park project partnership members are: Bristol City Council, South and West Bristol PCT, South West Regional Development Agency (South West RDA).

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