

Council welcomes Community Hospital decision



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Bristol City Council has welcomed the decision by NHS South West (Thursday, January 15th 2009) to recommend that the Department of Health give final approval to enable South Bristol's new Community Hospital to be built.

Leader of the Council Cllr Helen Holland, said: "The Strategic Health Authority's approval for the new South Bristol Community Hospital at Hengrove, and its firm recommendation to the Department of Health for all funding to be confirmed, is very welcome news for our city."

The SHA's formal decision shows the tremendous progress we have made in working with others to take forward this exciting, integrated regeneration scheme. The new hospital will work with our own 'healthplex' leisure centre to promote healthy lifestyles and tackle health inequalities in this part of Bristol - delivering on the council's promise to make our city a safer and healthier place to live.

" At a time of global economic uncertainty, the Hengrove Park project promises many new opportunities for South Bristol and highlights the way that well-planned and co-ordinated public sector investment can make a difference to the lives of tens of thousands of people."

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