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Construction starts on £10 million NHS Swindon Health Centre

Construction is underway on a £10 million state-of-the-art health centre in Swindon town centre.

Project partners marked the start of work on the new 27,000 sq ft facility at a ground-breaking ceremony.

The centre is due to open in spring 2017 and will provide a high-quality environment for a wide range of care services commissioned by Swindon Clinical Commissioning Group, NHS England and Public Health Swindon.

Among those attending the ceremony today are representatives of the organisations that have worked for more than ten years to bring the project to fruition, which include Swindon Borough Council, local councillors, GPs, health services, Muse Developments, NHS Property Services and Healthwatch Swindon.

The new health centre will form part of Muse's Kimmerfields development and will sit alongside the already constructed new 850-space multi-storey car park and assisted living residential building, delivered as part of the first phase.

In December, Muse secured an agreement with Primary Health Properties to fund and acquire a new health centre.

The health centre will provide a full range of community and enhanced primary care services to over 22,000 registered and 36,000 unregistered local patients. The new health centre will be built over four levels, with plans to include a pharmacy, two GP practices, dental, podiatry and a variety of community health services.

Bob Sanderson, Director of Urgent Care at Carfax Street Health Centre, said: "We are delighted that work is starting on the new Swindon Health Centre, which will improve the health and wellbeing of people in Swindon by providing a modern, safe and high-quality environment."

"Local patients will be able to access two GP practices, community and dental services, specialist health services and a pharmacy – all under one town centre roof."

Dr Peter Crouch, Clinical Chair of NHS Swindon Clinical Commissioning Group, said: "This has been a long-awaited project and it is extremely gratifying to see construction finally get underway."

Doug Finlay of Muse Developments, commented: "It's great to see work underway on this important development for Swindon. It will complement work already complete on our major mixed-use Kimmerfields scheme, which aims to extend the town centre and Central Business District of Swindon."