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Press Release

TOP NHS EXECUTIVE PRAISES CAMBRIDGE REGIONAL COLLEGE TEACHING PROGRAMMES

One of the National Health Service's top executives has praised Cambridge Regional College's teaching programmes as a "fantastic resource" for Social and Health Care.

Clare Chapman, Director General of the NHS Workforce, was at the College as part of the 'Visit our Schools and Colleges' campaign, an initiative set up by the Education and Employers Taskforce to help promote better links between the two sectors.



Clare Chapman with CRC Principal Anne Constantine and Pam Byrd, head of the Care, Health and Early Years Academy with a model of the Deakin Learning Centre, due to open next year.

During her visit, she met a class of dental nursing Apprentices studying at the College, joining them for part of the lesson as they examined x-rays, and discussing their course programme and work in dental surgeries

Afterwards, Mrs Chapman met principal Anne Constantine and Pam Byrd, head of CRC's Care, Health and Early Years Academy, to talk about the new Deakin Learning Centre, a £6 million world-class training and skills centre to be run by the College at Addenbrooke's Hospital.

She also heard about CRC's successful Apprenticeship programme at the hospital, which is helping to attract a younger workforce to the NHS.

Mrs Chapman said she was very impressed by the way in which the College was teaching health and social care programmes, and particularly with its emphasis on choosing the right candidates for Care Apprenticeships.

"I think the College is very impressive," she said. "It is a fantastic resource for Health and Social Care, and everyone I have met here is working for the future of healthcare."

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NOTES TO EDITORS

Cambridge Regional College is one of the largest providers of full-time further education for 16 to 19 year-olds in the eastern region, with more than 4,000 full-time and 6,000 part-time students. Students come in from a 40-mile radius, covering Cambridge and its surrounding villages, eastern Bedfordshire, northern Essex and western Suffolk. Over 80 per cent of full-time students are aged 16 to 18 years old and come to the College after secondary school; the rest are mature students, studying on a range of Access to Higher Education and vocational programmes.