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Press Release

WORK STARTS ON NEW CRC LEARNING CENTRE AT ADDENBROOKE'S HOSPITAL

One of the oldest buildings on the Addenbrooke's Hospital site has been demolished to make way for the new £6 million Deakin Learning Centre.

The new Cambridge Regional College applied learning centre is being constructed on the site of former contractor cabins used by workers building Addenbrooke's Hospital in the 1960s.



Preparing the ground for the new learning centre: CRC Head of Academy Pam Byrd, Cambridgeshire County Councillor John Reynolds, CUH Chairman Dr Mary Archer, Cambridgeshire County Council Head of Property Commissioning Steve Alderton, CUH Executive Director of Estates and Facilities Richard Howe and CRC Principal Anne Constantine

The development of the Deakin Learning Centre, a joint project between CRC, Cambridge University Hospitals and Cambridgeshire County Council, is expected to be completed at the end of the year.

Representatives from all three organisations, including CRC Principal Anne Constantine and the Chairman of Cambridge University Hospitals Mary Archer, gathered at the building site to watch the demolition of the old building by contractors Kier.

CUH Executive Director of Estates and Facilities Richard Howe said: "It's out with the old and in with the new. This is an important part of our campus development and it's vital that we do all we can to encourage young people to consider a career in healthcare."

The learning centre will be home to a range of Social Care, Health Studies and Childcare qualifications delivered by a multi-disciplinary professional team from CRC and will provide facilities for delivering the new Society, Health and Development Diploma (SHD), an applied learning qualification for 14 to 19 year-olds. Two floors within the building will also be used for NHS staff training.

Pam Byrd, CRC Head of Academy for Care, Health and Early Years, who will lead the curriculum at the centre, said: "We are delighted that this exciting project is progressing as planned and that young people in the area can soon look forward to learning in a unique world-class facility on such an exceptional site."

The centre is funded by a Government grant delivered through Cambridgeshire County Council. It is named in honour of former Addenbrooke's Trust Chairman Tony Deakin who died in 2003. He was a great champion of the creation of an education facility at the Trust.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

Cambridge Regional College is the second largest provider of full-time education for 16 to 19 year-olds in the eastern region. The College has 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. The College offers the largest and most comprehensive range of vocational courses in Cambridgeshire, and has one of the largest work-based learning contracts in the Eastern Region.