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Press Release

## **DEAKIN CENTRE OF LEARNING REACHES NEW HEIGHTS**

**The development of the Deakin Centre on the Cambridge Biomedical Campus, where Cambridge Regional College will teach the healthcare professionals of the future, reached a new milestone today with a topping out ceremony held on the roof.**

The new applied learning centre, a joint project between CRC, Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and Cambridgeshire County Council, will become the base for a range of social care, health studies and childcare qualifications delivered by a multi-disciplinary professional team from CRC, led by Academy head Pam Byrd.



Pam Byrd, Gareth Goodier and Anne Constantine at the topping out ceremony

Due to open next year, it will also provide facilities for delivering the new Society, Health and Development Diploma, an applied learning qualification for 14 to 19 year-olds

Two floors within the building will also be used for NHS staff training by Cambridge University Hospitals.

CRC principal, Anne Constantine, who performed the topping out ceremony alongside CUH chief executive Dr Gareth Goodier, said: "We are delighted to be at this very exciting stage of the Deakin Centre development and are looking forward to its opening in Spring. This project is a great example of partnership working and will provide a superb professional environment where our students will be taught the skills needed for jobs in the health sector."

St.Clair Armitage, director of corporate development at Cambridge University Hospitals, said: "The organisations on the Cambridge Biomedical Campus are here to deliver the best possible healthcare, research and education. Learning and development are vital elements which underpin that philosophy. The Deakin Centre will be a superb environment in which to train the healthcare practitioners of the future. The NHS needs well-educated staff to care for patients. I am very pleased to see the project reach this important stage."

The topping out ceremony marks the completion of the highest structural point of the building, funded by a Government grant delivered through Cambridgeshire County Council.

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## **MEDIA ENQUIRIES**

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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. 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.