

PRESS RELEASE

21 June 2022

New Northgate Health Centre to open in heart of Oxford

King Edward Street Medical Practice, 27 Beaumont Street Medical Practice and 28 Beaumont Street GP Practice are delighted to announce that in partnership with Jesus College Oxford they will be moving into new modern premises in the city this month (June).

The three GP practices will be relocating to the new Northgate Health Centre, at 15 Market Street, Oxford OX1 3EF built by Jesus College as part of its Cheng Yu Tung Building development (**see below for more details**). The new health centre is a 10-minute walk from the current practices and will serve a patient population of around 20,000 (including a significant student population) living in or close to Oxford city centre.

The three GP practices will start to deliver primary care services from the new health centre on Monday 27 June 2022. They will remain as independent GP surgeries but will share some facilities and space.

The three practices will close at their current locations on Friday 24 June (12noon) to complete the move to the new health centre over that weekend (**see below for a timeline for the move and also a change of name for each practice**)

Features of the new health centre include:

- Patient care in modern purpose-built premises led by clinical teams of GPs, practice nurses, health care assistants and community midwives.
- Provision of 27 consulting and treatment rooms and a shared minor operations room and shared administrative rooms on the first floor.
- Patient services provided on one level in the basement (including a shared reception and waiting areas) accessible via two lifts and a wide staircase from the entrance on Market Street.
- A 'Changing Places' toilet for people with disabilities with shower and a changing room.

Dr MaryKate Kirkaldy, a GP partner at King Edward Street Medical Practice, said: "We are all delighted about moving into a modern and spacious health centre in the heart of Oxford. The new purpose-built premises will allow each practice to increase the range of services we currently provide with more specialist health care

in the future. We thank all our patients, Jesus College and Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group for their help and support in making this move a reality. We will continue to work closely together to ensure the continuing success of the health centre.”

Dr David McCartney, a GP partner at 27 Beaumont Street Medical Practice, said: “The move into the new health centre has been a long journey as we searched for better, bigger and modern premises over the past decade. This endeavour has been very worthwhile and we are ready and eager to start a new chapter in the delivery of effective and high-quality patient care.

Dr McCartney said: “While we will work initially as independent practices and share some facilities, the wider plan is to develop closer working ties with each other through our local Primary Care Network (PCN). This is in line with the transformation of the wider NHS and will enable us to share even more clinical resources to serve a bigger patient population in Oxford city in the future. The aim is to integrate with other local health and care providers to create a hub of community healthcare.”

Dr Matthew Easdale, a GP partner at 28 Beaumont Street GP practice said: “The three practices will be sad to be leaving their current premises that for years have delivered care to thousands of patients, but our existing surgery buildings are not suited to the future of healthcare. Over the past ten years it became abundantly clear we needed to find better and more modern facilities, and thankfully we have achieved this goal.”

Dr Easdale said: “We are proud of the new health centre which includes provision for people with disabilities, and there is good access to the premises. The overall design brings in natural light with easy views through the premises to create an airy comfortable feel for people working in the centre.”

Christopher Doogue, a patient at 27 Beaumont Street Medical Practice, said: “I am so pleased to hear about the new GP premises. We will still be located in the centre of Oxford which is very handy because the support I have had from my GP and the team at 27 Beaumont Street practice is second to none.”

Margaret Mukherjee, a patient at King Edward Street Medical Practice, said: “We are really looking forward to the new building opening. It will be so much easier for older patients to access.”

Julie Dandridge, Head of Primary Care Services at Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group, said: “This new health centre demonstrates our commitment to delivering high quality patient services in Oxfordshire. We have worked closely with the three GP practices and Jesus College to ensure the development of much needed new primary care services in the city. The health centre will benefit patients and their carers who will enjoy better access to services. For our dedicated GPs, health professionals and practice staff they will all be working in modern, state of the art premises providing more space and better facilities than before.”

David Stevenson, leading the project for Jesus College said: “We are looking forward to the opening of the Northgate Health Centre which will provide vastly improved healthcare services for patients and the local Oxford community. We are delighted to have been able to work with the three NHS practices and Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group to develop a truly exceptional design that focuses solely on patient care and better access.”

End

NOTES:

1. Timeline for the move:

- The three GP practices are expected to start moving furniture and equipment into the new health centre w/c 20 June to enable them to test services and facilities.
- On Friday 24 June 2022 the timeline is as follows:
 - at 12noon the three practices will stop providing a primary care service at their current locations and reception desks will close.
 - a triage service will respond to patient calls (12noon until 6.30pm) which will arrange for patients to speak to a GP if appropriate or patients will be advised to book an appointment at their practice in the new health centre once it opens.
 - After 6.30pm the triage service will stop and revert to the NHS 111 service until 8am on Monday 27 June.
- On Saturday 25 June and Sunday 26 June the practices will be closed as normal but if patients require advice or support they will be advised to contact NHS 111 or NHS 111 online (111.nhs.uk)
- On Monday 27 June 2022 the three practices will open at 8am in the new Northgate Health Centre.

2. Change of practice names and contact details:

- From Monday 27 June 2022 the GP practices will be changing their names and will be known as:
 - King Edward Street Medical Practice: **KES@Northgate**
 - 27 Beaumont Street Medical Practice: **27@Northgate**
 - 28 Beaumont Street GP practice: **28@Northgate**
 - Practice contact details including telephone numbers will remain the same.

3. Getting to the Northgate Health Centre:

- There is no parking at the new health centre (as per the current premises) but there is nearby on-street parking at pay & display bays (for further details including pay & display locations, charges and time restrictions visit Oxfordshire County Council website [see here](#))

- For details of blue badge parking in Oxford city visit the Oxfordshire County Council Blue Badge Guidance website pages [see here](#) and Oxford City Council website [see here](#)
- Patients who are frail or have mobility issues can be dropped off at the Northgate Health Centre entrance on Market Street.
- Bicycle racks will be available for patients to use who visit the health centre on Market Street.
- The new health centre is conveniently located close to city centre bus stops (including the local park and ride routes) that provide routes to all parts of the city and across Oxfordshire.
- Oxford city train station is located about a mile from the Northgate Health Centre and there are also 5 park and ride sites located around the Oxford city's ring road with regular bus services to the city centre – for more details visit the Oxfordshire County Council website [see here](#)
- The Northgate Health Centre entrance on Market Street is not inside the Oxfordshire County Council and Oxford City Council Zero Emission Zone (ZEZ). For more details on the ZEZ and where it is currently located in the city centre and for restrictions/charges/discounts visit the Oxford City Council website [see here](#) and Oxfordshire County Council website [see here](#)
- Ambulances will be able to access the entrance to the new health centre.

4. **Cheng Yu Tung Building:**

- Jesus College is looking forward to the opening of the Northgate Health Centre, which forms part of its wider development on the corner of Market Street and Cornmarket. The new Cheng Yu Tung Building will expand the college's current facilities significantly, providing new teaching and research spaces, indoor and outdoor convening areas, a high-tech Digital Hub, postgraduate accommodation, café and public exhibition space. Enhanced retail spaces on the Cornmarket Street side will take up much of the ground and first floors. For further details contact Jude Eades, Communications Manager at Jesus College email: jude.eades@jesus.ox.ac.uk

6. **More information on the move can be found at:**

- [King Edward Street Medical Practice](#)
- [27 Beaumont Street Medical Practice](#)
- [28 Beaumont Street GP practice](#)