

Press Release

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**Visit by the Secretary of State for Health, The Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt MP, to the Royal Sussex County Hospital**

The Secretary of State for Health, The Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt MP, visited the Royal Sussex County Hospital today to view the site of the upcoming £420 million 3Ts Redevelopment. His tour included a ward in the Barry Building, which took its first patient in 1828 and the multi-award winning Children's Hospital that took its first patient in 2007.

The Secretary of State said "This redevelopment is good news for patients, not only in Brighton and Hove but across Sussex and the South East. It will represent a far better environment for patients and staff and make it easier to deliver the best and safest care."

Matthew Kershaw, Chief Executive of Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust said "We were delighted to welcome the Secretary for State to the hospital today. By contrasting the oldest and newest buildings on site we were able to show him many of the issues the redevelopment will address and the scale of the improvements our patients can look forward to once it is completed."

The Outline Business Case for the 3Ts Redevelopment was approved on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2014. The redevelopment will replace the existing buildings on the front 45% of the main hospital site, including the hospital's oldest buildings, with two new facilities. Services benefitting from the redevelopment will include Elderly Care and General Medicine wards, Cancer services, Major Trauma services, the Neuroscience Centre that will move from the outdated Hurstwood Park in Haywards Heath into the redevelopment and the Intensive Care Unit.

Over the next fifteen months temporary accommodation will be built on site to house clinical services currently in the planned construction area. The Full Business Case for the project will be submitted to the Department of Health, the Trust Development Authority and HM Treasury later this year. Work on the first of the redevelopment's two new buildings will begin in the autumn of 2015.

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