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**Latest news from South Staffordshire Primary Care Trust (PCT)**

**New Health Centres to open in Burntwood**

South Staffordshire Primary Care Trust (PCT) was given the go-ahead today to proceed to the next stage on the development of two permanent health centres in Burntwood.

The West Midlands Strategic Health Authority (SHA) and South Staffordshire PCT Board have approved the outline business case for two new multipurpose buildings to open in 2013 that will provide an extended range of health and other care services.

The news follows extensive public consultation, coordinated by the PCT in partnership with Lichfield District Council in 2009, which generated a considerable amount of support and over 2,500 responses.

Jim Barlow, Primary Care Manager at the PCT, said: "I am thrilled that the development of the two new sites - Greenwood House and Burntwood Leisure Centre - has been approved.

"I would like to thank everyone who took part in the consultation exercise and our elected members, who were instrumental in engaging with the local community, to ensure that the facilities that will be on offer will meet their needs.

"The centres are part of the PCT's strategy to improve local services for patients, not only for housing GP Practices, but also PCT Provider Services staff and Social Care, Mental Health, Children and Lifelong Learning and voluntary organisations.

"We want to integrate with local residents and give added value by working with adults and children to prevent future health problems like high blood pressure, heart disease, stroke and diabetes by working in schools and the community to educate and support."

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The consultation exercise confirmed consistent support for the preferred site options that will replace the temporary building currently based on the land adjacent to Burntwood Leisure Centre.

The PCT will now develop a full business case for approval by the SHA and subject to final approval will appoint a developer to commence work Autumn 2010.

For further information about the development, contact the PCT on 01889 571762 or e-mail Jim Barlow at [jim.barlow@southstaffspct.nhs.uk](mailto:jim.barlow@southstaffspct.nhs.uk).

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### **Notes to Editors**

#### **South Staffordshire Primary Care Trust (PCT)**

South Staffordshire PCT is one of the largest PCTs in the country. It serves a population of approximately 615,000 and is located within the geographical boundaries of Staffordshire County Council. The PCT employs just over 2,000 staff and its turnover for 2009/10 is £867 million.

The PCT contains a number of urban centres including Burton upon Trent, Cannock, Lichfield, Stafford, Tamworth, Rugeley and Uttoxeter, although the geographic area is largely rural.

The PCT is committed to the continuous improvement of the health and well-being of the community we serve. The PCT approach to providing healthcare is based on focusing on prevention; targeting resources where need is greatest; working with partners on other factors which impact on ill-health and where treatment is needed, offering choice and commissioning high-quality services with no delays.

As a commissioner we invest in improving the health of our local population and purchase high quality health care.

As a provider, the South Staffordshire PCT Provider Arm provide a range of community services including two community hospitals – Sir Robert Peel

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Communication Hospital located in Tamworth and Samuel Johnson Community Hospital located in Lichfield, district nursing, health visiting, school nursing, speech and language therapy, physiotherapy, dieticians and many more.

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