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LPT corporate teams move to new single central base

Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust is moving to a new corporate headquarters.

Lakeside House, at Grove Park in Enderby, Leicester – becomes the official LPT corporate headquarters from **1 January 2012**.

A phased move of around 250 HQ and support staff - which includes the Trust's executive team, corporate administrative support, finance, HR, communications and quality and innovation services – began in November. The LPT executive team transferred to Lakeside House from their base at the former Towers Hospital site on Tuesday, 13 December.

The transfer of remaining corporate staff, from a number of sites including The Towers, Riverside House in Thurmaston and The Warrens in Leicester and from Woodgate in Loughborough, is expected to be completed by the end of January 2012.

The move brings together all corporate services on a single site for the first time since April 2011 when LPT, then a provider of mental health and learning disability services, took on responsibility for providing a much wider range of community health services across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

With a budget of more than £250 million and a total workforce of almost 6,000 staff, the trust now provides a diverse and integrated health and wellbeing service for a population of a million people.

LPT chief executive John Short commented: "Relocation of non-corporate services away from The Towers will continue through 2012, allowing continued progress of proposals for the sale of the Towers Hospital site. Negotiations for the sale of a significant portion of the site are now near completion.

"Selling the site will release several million pounds that we can invest in further improvements to patient and service user facilities. This includes, most significantly, development of our new Centre of Excellence at the Bradgate Mental Health Unit on the Glenfield Hospital site where we recently unveiled two new wards, Welford Ward which opened on 8 December and the Beaumont Ward on 13 December.

"The move to a new corporate base also means we can bring together teams from a number of sites across Leicester and Leicestershire to single base where we can make the best use of open plan accommodation and shared facilities to deliver improved service and greater efficiencies.

"We have worked closely with PCT commissioners and the emerging clinical commissioning groups to make the most efficient use of NHS premises across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland."

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Note to editors

1. A small project group from LPT is working to collate and preserve some of the vast history of the Towers, before the trust moves off the site completely
2. There are some clinical services currently based on The Towers site but these will not be moving until later in 2012.
3. Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust (LPT) provides a range of health and wellbeing services mainly for people living in the city of Leicester and the neighbouring counties of Leicestershire and Rutland. The Trust serves a population of one million and has a budget in excess of £250 million and employs almost 6,000 staff. For more information visit www.leicspt.nhs.uk/
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Our vision: To become an integrated Foundation Trust with a passion for quality and excellence

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