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World-renowned name will move with specialist service

Construction work on a new £4.5 million purpose-built specialist mental health facility for the care of people with Huntington's Disease is on course for completion by the end of October.



Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust's new Huntington's Disease facilities are being built on the site of the Trust's Stewart House adult mental health rehabilitation unit in Narborough. The work was celebrated at a special ceremony on the site in February.

The Huntington's Disease inpatient and community services are

expected to relocate from their current base at Mill Lodge in Kegworth in late November, with the anticipated transfer of 14 inpatients.

Following further engagement with staff and service users LPT has agreed to retain the name Mill Lodge for the new unit when services relocate.

Huntington's Disease service team manager Martine Blowfield (pictured in front of the construction site) said: "This is in recognition of the teams' international reputation for quality care, long associated with the name Mill Lodge, and reflects feedback from staff, service users and families during our programme of engagement around the move."

Facilities at the new unit will include a total of 14 single bedrooms with en-suite facilities, clinic space and therapeutic activity rooms, a family room, quiet areas and a landscaped garden.

The LPT Board has confirmed that the Mill Lodge site in Kegworth will no longer be required and it will be sold on the open market. The process is expected to begin in

the next two months. The proceeds of the sale will be reinvested into healthcare provision locally.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust (LPT) provides a range of health and wellbeing services mainly for people living Leicester, Leicestershire and. Trust serves a population of one million, has a budget in excess of £267 million and employs approximately 5,400 staff. For more information visit www.leicspart.nhs.uk

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