

MEDIA STATEMENT

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New mental health inpatient unit in Leicester for young people gets the go ahead

Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust (LPT) is delighted to have secured final approval from the Department of Health for its plans to build a new 15-bed mental health inpatient facility for children and young people on the Glenfield Hospital site.

Subject to contract, Interserve Construction will begin work on the new state-of-the-art, purpose-built £8 million unit next month, with a view to opening in August 2020. The current inpatient unit has been temporarily based at Coalville Hospital since 2015.

Paul Williams, Head of Service for Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services said: “We are pleased to have been given the final go-ahead for a purpose-built mental health inpatient facility in Leicester. It will help us fulfil our vision to support more children and young people locally, which is so important. We will continue to talk to staff, service users and families about the internal design of the new unit, and will be providing more information and regular updates about the build over the coming months. Look out for details via our website:

www.leicspart.nhs.uk/CAMHSinpatient or email us at feedback@leicspart.nhs.uk”

Richard Scarrott, Regional Director for Interserve Construction East Midlands Region, said: “We’re delighted to be delivering this much needed mental health facility and continuing our successful ten-year relationship with Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust. Interserve’s strategy is to create a robust and growing business in the UK healthcare sector, drawing on our technical capabilities and experience of delivering hospital projects. The project will also create jobs and training for the benefit of the local community.”

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NOTES TO EDITORS

Media invitation: We are planning a **photo and interview opportunity** at the first sod cutting once the contractors have prepared the site. Our chief executive, Dr

Peter Miller, and Trust chair, Cathy Ellis, will be available for interview at that time, alongside Paul Williams who is Head of Service for Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS), project manager David Bell and a representative from Interserve Construction. This is likely to take place during the afternoon of Friday 14 June. Please contact Rosie Huckle (contact details below) to arrange an interview.

- Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust (LPT) provides community health, mental health and learning disabilities services for the one million people living in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. We have a budget in excess of £275 million and employ approximately 5,500 staff. For more information visit: www.leicspart.nhs.uk. Our registered charity is called Raising Health (charity number 1057361). The charity fundraises to support excellent care initiatives, equipment and innovations which go above and beyond core NHS provision to enhance the experience of our patients, service users and staff. See www.raisinghealth.org.uk
- Interserve Construction delivers bespoke, turn-key solution for clients' construction needs covering every aspect of a project, from financing, design, development and construction to after-care and facilities management. Interserve Construction focuses on collaborative working with its clients and key partners in a wide range of sectors, where an innovative and creative approach over the long-term delivers sustainable, value-engineered and efficient results. Interserve Construction thrives on its reputation for leading the way in the sector. Its commitment to safe, healthy and sustainable continuous improvement is led by a skilled management team, flexible in its approach and open in its culture.
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