

PLATINUM PLANS AT THE WELLINGTON HOSPITAL

With more than three decades of expertise in treating patients, from the local community to all over the UK and overseas, The Wellington Hospital is undergoing a major £22 million expansion project to make private healthcare more accessible

The Platinum Medical Centre, opening in Lodge Road in Spring 2011, will be the biggest development in the independent healthcare sector since the mid-1980s. The medical centre will be almost a third of the size of the hospital at present – making it the largest private centre of its kind in the UK.

Located just minutes from the main hospital, the centre will be an extensive outpatients and diagnostic facility. Incorporating day case and outpatient surgical theatres across seven floors.

The Platinum Medical Centre will contain 50 consulting rooms and, with more than 400 consultants already consulting at The Wellington Hospital, increasing this will provide patients with quicker, easier access to the hospital and its services than ever before.

The greatest advantage of this huge development will be the integration of new cancer care facilities. The hospital has gone into partnership with The London Oncology Centre (LOC) to develop a ten-bedded chemotherapy unit. The comprehensive oncology suite will be based on the ground floor and supported by high-end cancer diagnostics, meaning cancer patients requiring ongoing cancer care will have access to all necessary treatment on site. The new oncology centre will mainly focus on gastro intestinal, liver, head and neck, and gynaecological cancers.

This additional state-of-the-art centre will also house a large radiology and imaging department. Patients will have access to the very latest in diagnostic technology, including MRI, x-ray, CT, ultrasound and PET CT.

The Wellington has for many years, held an international reputation in the area of complex surgery, and in



particular the fields of neurosurgery, inter-cranial surgery, cardiac procedures, complex orthopaedic surgery and neuro-rehabilitation.

In a move to optimise space and to concentrate on developing these fields of expertise, when the medical centre opens in Spring, outpatient clinics which are currently held in the South Building on Wellington Place will be moved to the Platinum Medical Centre.

Though there have been many changes throughout the hospital's 36 years of service, one constant has always remained; to provide patients with the very best in healthcare. This expansion will benefit not only the national and international patients that travel far and wide to be treated by many of London's most senior specialists, but especially those patients in the local community.

For more information about this or any of the hospital's services, please contact The Enquiry Helpline 020 7483 5148, or email: wellington@enquiryhelpline.hcahealthcare.co.uk

“WE HAVE BEEN PLANNING THIS MAJOR EXPANSION FOR SOME TIME BECAUSE OF THE INCREASING DEMAND FOR OUR SERVICES AND OUR NEED TO INTRODUCE NEW AREAS OF MEDICINE INCLUDING ONCOLOGY. WE WANT TO IMPROVE PATIENT FACILITIES AND BRING OUTPATIENT AND DAY CARE SERVICES TOGETHER IN ONE UNIT, SUPPORTED BY A DEDICATED STATE-OF-THE-ART DIAGNOSTICS UNIT.”

KEITH HAGUE, The Wellington's CEO, is looking forward to the development