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Centre for dementia care moves step nearer

The contractor for South Tyneside's new, state-of-the-art centre, which will provide integrated health and social care for older people, particularly those with dementia, is expected to be announced soon by South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust.

The Integrated Care Services Hub, which is being built by the Trust on the South Tyneside District Hospital site, on behalf of South Tyneside Council, is understood to be the biggest of its kind in the UK. It is anticipated that it will open in 2016. It will house a range of health and social care services and will provide high-quality support to service users and their families. The hub is a major part of South Tyneside Council's response to the Borough's ageing population and increasing numbers of people with dementia.

The Trust's outgoing Chief Executive Lorraine Lambert, who will retire in September this year, said: "This promises to be a fantastic development and we are delighted to have been given this opportunity to provide the borough with such a tremendous asset. Working with the Council and key health, social care and voluntary sector agencies, we will create a centre of excellence for joined-up care to improve the health and wellbeing of our growing ageing population and the increasing numbers of people with dementia.

"In my 18 years as Chief Executive, our Trust has worked very closely with South Tyneside Council and I know that this partnership will continue to go from strength to strength, with the Integrated Care Services Hub just the first of many forthcoming, exciting, joint developments."

Other local plans include exploring sharing services with the Council and integrating health and social care community teams.



Councillor Mary Butler, Lead Member for Adult Social Care and Support Services at South Tyneside Council, said: "This is a significant milestone in our journey towards providing this state-of-the-art centre which will improve the range, quality and co-ordination of services for adults with dementia, their families and carers."

Martin Swales, Chief Executive of South Tyneside Council, said: "With the number of cases of dementia set to increase across all ages by 50 per cent before 2030, the need to provide seamless services has never been greater. The Integrated Care Services Hub is a key development in our wider, innovative approach to delivering truly integrated health and social care services."

The facility will bring together a range of services under one roof, streamlining access to information, support and services. The building has been specifically designed to incorporate features that support adults with dementia, drawing upon the latest research from leading thinkers in dementia care. It will offer support to enable older people to live as independently as possible in their community, for as long as possible, providing information and advice to them and their carers, as well as help to use technological aids to support independent living. It will incorporate 80 beds, with around 30 people living on the site and others accessing beds for short breaks when their carers are on holiday, or before going back to live at home. There will be rooms for medical consultations and assessments of people's needs.

The emphasis in the ultra-modern building will be on providing a comfortable, welcoming 'home' environment. It will feature light-filled dining and social areas; spacious en-suite bedrooms; mini-kitchens; small, cosy spaces for quiet times and safe access to landscaped gardens. The Trust has appointed P+HS Architects to work on the design of the building.
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Pictured above: *South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust Chairman Peter Davidson and Councillor Mary Butler, Lead Member for Adult Social Care and Support Services at South Tyneside Council, signing contracts for the hub, watched by, left to right, Trust Chief Operating Officer Steve Williamson and Chief Executive Lorraine Lambert and Council Chief Executive Martin Swales*

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