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## Businesses benefit from new integrated care services hub

A multi-million pound development in South Tyneside is paying major dividends for North East businesses.

When South Tyneside Council commissioned the £9 million South Tyneside Integrated Care Services Hub for the Borough, it was keen that local businesses should be given priority.

The pioneering centre, which will provide integrated health and social care for older people, particularly those with dementia, is being built on the corner of Harton Lane and McAnany Avenue in South Shields by South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust on behalf of South Tyneside Council.

In addition to bringing state-of-the-art care to the Borough's older population, the development has also seen 90 per cent of business going to North East firms with 15 regional firms securing new contracts.

Among those attracting new business are South Shields firms Cemex which has provided the concrete and Eco Timber Trusses and Doves, both based in South Shields, which provided the timber.

Other suppliers are Durham-based Middleton Forge which provided the fencing, Redhead of Newcastle which provided roof slates and King Brothers of Sunderland which carried out the masonry.

The pioneering centre which, it is understood, will be the largest of its kind in the UK when it opens next year, 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 the Council's response to the Borough's ageing population and increasing numbers of people with dementia.

Councillor Mary Butler, Lead Member for Adult Social Care and Support Services, said: "In line with our economic strategy for growth, it is only right that local and regional firms and our local workforce should benefit from the construction of this flagship development.

"Not only is this great news for local companies and their staff, but it also has a positive impact on the environment as it cuts down on delivery miles and carbon emissions."

South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust Chief Operating Officer Michelle Arrowsmith said: "It is great news that the centre is benefiting North East businesses and providing work for local people. We envisage that this facility will be a beacon of excellence for integrated care for older people, which will be the envy of the rest of the country, and it is fantastic that the building itself will be an example of the excellence of the region's business community and workforce."

One person who has found work as a result of the development is Davey Marshall who lives in South Shields.

Davey, 54, is working as a labourer on the site and is delighted to have found work locally.

He said: "I feel very proud to be working on this project. I was born and bred in South Shields and have lived in the town all my life so I'm very proud to be working on this development for the community here.

"This is going to be a fantastic facility so I'm thrilled to be playing my part in it."

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