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First look inside Haven Court

South Tynesiders can get their first glimpse inside Haven Court, the borough's new centre for integrated health and social care for older people, on Wednesday, July 27th, before services commence on Monday, August 1st.

An open day will be held from 10am to 4pm and local people are invited to drop in for a preview of what the £9 million development in the grounds of South Tyneside District Hospital, will be offering.

Haven Court has been built by South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust, on behalf of South Tyneside Council, to provide a wide range of high quality support and services, including residential, day and respite care, and rehabilitation for older people, particularly those with dementia. The emphasis will be on helping them to live as independently as possible, with a top class rehabilitation and therapeutic service available to enable them to return to their own homes.

During the open day, there will be guided tours of the 80-bedded centre, which also has rooms for medical consultations and assessment of people's needs, and which will be a source of information and advice, as well as help to use technological aids to support independent living. Services will be provided by a range of partners including South Tyneside Council, South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust, other local Trusts and the voluntary sector. Representatives of many organisations will be there on July 27th to meet with members of the public, including potential service users and their carers.

Dr Bob Brown, South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust's Executive Director, Nursing and Patient Safety, said: "Haven Court is an exciting, innovative development of which everyone in South Tyneside can be very proud. It will improve the health and wellbeing of our growing ageing population, and the increasing numbers of people with dementia, by providing integrated health and social care in state-of-the-art surroundings now and into the future.

"I hope that local people take advantage of the open day to get a flavour of what this facility, which we see as being at the very heart of the community, has to offer."

Councillor Tracey Dixon, Lead Member for Independence and Wellbeing, said: "Haven Court is one strand of the Council's ambitious strategy to reshape the entire health and social care system.

"This flagship development will position us at the forefront of transformational change to deliver positive results for our residents. By integrating health and adult social care more effectively, we can deliver enhanced services to our residents."



Robertson Construction began work on building Haven Court in Spring 2015. It was designed by P+HS Architects to cater for different clinical needs and for those with varying degrees of dementia, with internal and external features such as special colour schemes to help people find their way around and to support independent living and general wellbeing. It will be run by more than 60 dedicated staff, including registered nurses and highly trained carers known as care advocates.

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Pictured above: The new Haven Court building

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