



# KENNARD STREET HEALTH CENTRE

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## HEALTH MINISTER CELEBRATES REDEVELOPMENT OF DOCKLANDS HEALTH CENTRE

Health Minister, Gerald Malone MP, today officially opened the redeveloped Kennard Street Health Centre in North Woolwich, assisted by the centre's oldest patient, 89 year old Mrs Rose Matthews, and the youngest, three month old Ryan Medcraft.

Kennard Street Health Centre, the only centre serving the community of North Woolwich and built in the early 1970s, has undergone a £500,000 refurbishment programme funded by the Newham Community Health Services NHS Trust and the London Docklands Development Corporation. The centre has 2 GPs, Drs Saha and Sehra, a dentist and community health staff including midwife, district nurse and health visitor.

Improvements made in the refurbishment include a new extension for community based activities; improved reception and waiting areas; additional treatment and clinical areas and better administrative facilities. The external appearance of the building has been improved, structural defects remedied to extend the life of the building and to increase its energy efficiency. The works were carried out by William Verry Limited and the project managed by Moss Prime Coombe Architects in close cooperation with the doctors and staff.

Peter Kenyon, Chairman of Newham Community Health Services NHS Trust, said:  
"We are delighted to have had Gerald Malone here to reopen this Health Centre with Mrs Matthews and Ryan Medcraft. The development here is an excellent example of good value for money. It has retained GP facilities in a much-needed area, supported

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the small practices and provided the opportunity for extending and developing local services for local people. It has also improved the morale of staff working in a deprived and isolated community."

Eric Sorensen, Chief Executive of the London Docklands Development Corporation, comments: "The Corporation has been concerned for some years to secure improvements to Kennard Street Health Centre as part of its wider programme of providing new and improved primary health care facilities throughout Docklands - a programme which has seen six existing centres redeveloped and five new centres built. We are delighted to have worked with Newham Community Health Services NHS Trust in creating an up-to-date facility for the staff and the residents of North Silvertown and Woolwich."

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