

NEWBY PLACE CENTRE

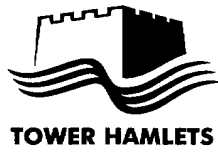


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HEALTH SECRETARY TO OPEN NEW DOCKLANDS HEALTH CENTRE

Date: Tuesday, 2 April 1996 **Time:** 10.45 am for 11 am

Venue: Newby Place Centre, 21 Newby Place, London E14

(Please note that parking is very limited in the area. All Saints Docklands Light Railway Station is a few hundred yards away in East India Dock Road.)

The oldest and youngest patients of London Docklands' newest health centre will join Health Secretary, Stephen Dorrell, on Tuesday 2 April 1996 to mark the official opening of Newby Place Centre. Mrs Sarah Stone, aged 95 and four month old Georgie Mitchell, with Mum Tracy, will help the Secretary of State for Health unveil a plaque to mark the opening of the £1.4 million building which will provide modern accommodation for two GPs, mid-wives, district nurses, health visitors and school nurses.

The centre, providing a focus for health activities in the community of Poplar, has been built on land formerly owned by the Diocese of London in the All Saints Conservation Area. It has been funded by the London Docklands Development Corporation and Tower Hamlets Council through the Social Accord agreement, the East London and The City Health Authority, Tower Hamlets Healthcare NHS Trust, the London Implementation Group and a private loan raised by the Newby Place Health and Community Services Company.

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On the adjacent 28 acre site Wimpey Homes are well advanced with the construction of Britannia Village, 777 homes for sale including 221 two and three bedroom houses and 556 one, two and three bedroom flats.

Wimpey have already agreed a number of "off plan" sales. As part of the LDDC's agreement with Wimpey Homes and Newham Council, Peabody Trust are building 140 social housing units in six locations throughout the development, supported by a grant from the LDDC and the Housing Corporation. These homes are being built in a variety of blocks ranging from two to eight storeys and including a number of houses with gardens.

Britannia Village will also include at least three shops, a pub and a large flexible-use community centre with children's and health care facilities, meeting rooms and a hall to hold up to 250 people. The first residents are expected to move into Britannia Village in Summer this year. LDDC intends to market the second, 40 acre phase of the Urban Village for a mix of uses including leisure, retail, office, studios, workshops and residential.

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HEALTH MINISTER OPENS LONDON DOCKLANDS' NEWEST HEALTH CENTRE IN POPLAR

Health Minister, Baroness Cumberlege, CBE, today officially opened Newby Place Centre assisted by one of the new health centre's oldest patients, 89 year old Mr Arthur Eadon and the youngest, four month old Georgie Mitchell.

Newby Place Centre provides modern purpose built accommodation for two GPs, Dr S Dutta and Dr D Khopkar, and brings together a wide range of Tower Hamlets Healthcare NHS Trust services for local people, including those provided by midwives, community and district nurses, school nurses and mental health staff. It replaces and improves upon the GPs' former surgeries in Poplar High Street and East India Dock Road.

Designed by Janka and Tony Mobbs (Architects) and completed under a design and build contract by Mansell Ltd, the £1.3 million centre, which opened its doors to patients in December 1995, has been designed to complement its location in the All Saints Conservation Area and is built on land formerly owned by the Diocese of London. In particular the design reflects that of All Saints Rectory which, with All Saints Church, was built in 1820.

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PRESS RELEASE

Newby Place Centre, providing a focus for health activities in the community of Poplar, has been funded by the London Docklands Development Corporation (LDDC) and the London Borough of Tower Hamlets through their Social Accord agreement; East London and The City Health Authority, Tower Hamlets Healthcare NHS Trust, London Initiative Zone (LIZ) Funds and a private loan raised by the Newby Place Health and Community Services Company which also managed the building contract.

LDDC Chairman, Michael Pickard, comments: "The LDDC has long recognised that good access to a range of quality health services is essential to the well-being of a community. By working with health providers throughout the area, the Corporation has been able to meet the growing needs of the population in London Docklands by contributing towards four new purpose built health centres and improvements to a further five. We also have plans to help fund the extension of a centre in Rotherhithe and to contribute to two new centres in the Royal Docks."

Councillor Ghulam Mortuza, Mayor of Tower Hamlets, said that he was delighted that the centre was opening. "Tower Hamlets is a poor area", he said "with all the problems which poverty brings in its wake. This health centre will give us modern and up to date medical accommodation for local people. It will be widely cherished and widely used. The people of Poplar, who have often experienced hardship, will now receive the best treatment available. Everyone in our borough should be pleased by this development. I hope that in time this kind of medical facility will be extended all over Tower Hamlets."

Chairman of East London and The City Health Authority, Francis Heidensohn, said: "This primary health centre has been designed and built to serve the needs of the local community into the next century. It shows the health authority's commitment to meeting the healthcare needs of the people of Tower Hamlets, and is a good example of what can be achieved by linking with our partners in the LDDC, Trust and the local authority."

Chief Executive of Tower Hamlets Healthcare NHS Trust, Hilary Scott, said: "Newby Place and the health professionals who are brought together here, may become a model of excellent primary and community care. With GPs and community health staff working together, we hope with voluntary agencies too, a wider range of specialist health and welfare services will be developed for local people."

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Notes to Editors

1. **The Social Accord:** Under this 1989 agreement with Tower Hamlets Council the London Docklands Development Corporation has funded a £35 million package of social and community projects to benefit the people of Tower Hamlets Docklands and to mitigate the effects of new road construction in the area.
2. **The London Initiative Zone (LIZ)** was established in February 1993 as a focus for new investments, new approaches, and new ideas for developing health services in Inner London. since 1993 an extra £210 million has been invested in primary care and community services.