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£630,000 surgery extension opens

Haven Health in Felixstowe is now able to provide high quality, effective healthcare to more patients thanks to a £630,000 project to expand and improve the surgery.

Suffolk Primary Care (SPC), which runs Haven Health, has built two small extensions and reconfigured the existing internal space at the surgery, which is in Grange Farm Avenue. Five additional consulting rooms have been created as a result, taking the total number to 17.

The extra room will ensure that SPC has sufficient space to meet future demand as the population of Felixstowe continues to grow. It will also pave the way for SPC to provide additional services for its patients and more training opportunities for healthcare professionals.

The work was paid for by Community Infrastructure Levy funding awarded by East Suffolk Council's cabinet. The levy is paid to councils by developers who are building new housing schemes so that it can be invested in local services to help support the growing community.

Dr Paul Driscoll, a GP partner with Suffolk Primary Care, said: "We are delighted that work on this important extension is now complete. The funding we received has given us a valuable opportunity to reconfigure the building so that it works more effectively for our patients, while the extra space will also mean we will be able to host additional services.

"The expansion will allow us to offer more medical students the opportunity to gain experience in general practice, as well as chances for staff in other roles to further develop. Importantly, it will also ensure we can continue to meet future demand and offer high quality, accessible services to our patients as the population of Felixstowe increases."

Councillor Mark Packard, East Suffolk Council cabinet member for planning and coastal management, said: "I'm pleased to see work on the expansion of Haven Health reach completion. This is an example of reinvesting developer contributions into a worthwhile infrastructure project that improve the health and wellbeing of the community.

"It's important to ensure that with the development of housing come the right infrastructure to help meet increased demand, especially for health and social care."

Caroline Procter, deputy director of primary medical care, NHS Suffolk and North East Essex Integrated Care Board, said: "It is fantastic that the work is now complete, and we are grateful to everyone involved for making it happen.

“Haven Health is such an important part of the Felixstowe community and the extension work will bring many positive benefits to patients and help future-proof primary care services for the growing population.”

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Suffolk Primary Care is an innovative partnership of GP surgeries in Suffolk which together care for around 70,000 patients. Its doctors and practice staff share resources and work together to ensure patients can receive high quality healthcare.

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