

PRESS RELEASE

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NEW UNIT FOR PATIENTS NEEDING EXTRA CARE AND SUPPORT UNVEILED AT OFFICIAL OPENING

NELFT, NHS staff, Council officials, families and patients celebrated at the official opening of the Mayfield Unit. A plaque, donated by Thurrock Council, was unveiled by Councillor Sue Little, Portfolio Holder for Children's and Adults Social Care today.

The new unit has been refurbished from the former Alastair Farquhason Centre to meet the needs of adults including those with dementia. The unit at Thurrock Community Hospital has 24 intermediate reablement beds. The aim of the unit is to reduce the length of stay in an acute hospital, and support people to return home or to a local place of care. The service aims to reduce the impact of long-term chronic conditions and minor new conditions.

Care is provided by NELFT's multidisciplinary team who are trained to manage both mental and physical health. The service is commissioned by NHS Thurrock Clinical Commissioning Group.

John Brouder, Chief Executive of NELFT, said:

"I'm delighted that we are able to deliver the best care to people in Thurrock from the new Mayfield Community Hospital. The premises are truly top class combining clinical and environmental best practice to ensure compliance with the CQC requirements. Our staff have embraced the changes and are excited to be working in such close collaboration with Essex Partnership University Trust to provide integrated physical and mental health rehabilitation services to the people of Thurrock."

Portfolio Holder for Children's and Adults Social Care, Cllr Sue Little, said:

"I am pleased to have been invited to attend and officially open the new facility at Thurrock Community Hospital.

"We've recently learnt that every care home in Thurrock is rated good or better and I'm pleased to see more great care being provided at the Mayfield Unit for the benefit of Thurrock residents."

Mandy Ansell, Accountable Officer at NHS Thurrock CCG, said

"We are delighted to celebrate this new facility. Mayfield Unit first began to offer care on 11 April and has already enabled many Thurrock patients to benefit from care closer to home, relieving pressure on beds at acute hospitals.

"This is a really first class unit and forms one strand of our bid to improve health and care experience for people in Thurrock under our local offer - For Thurrock in Thurrock. Thanks to the hard work and willingness to work together, with provider NELFT, Thurrock Council, Essex Partnership University Trust* and the CCG, patients and their families will really benefit from this modern unit."

*Formerly South Essex Partnership Trust.

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About NELFT

NELFT provides an extensive range of integrated community and mental health services for people living in the London boroughs of Barking & Dagenham, Havering, Redbridge and Waltham Forest and community health services for people living in the south west Essex areas of Basildon, Brentwood and Thurrock. We also provide an Emotional Wellbeing Mental Health Service for children and young people across the whole of Essex.

With an annual budget of £340 million, we provide care and treatment for a population of circa 2.5 million. We employ approximately 6,000 staff. For more information visit: www.nelft.nhs.net

About For Thurrock in Thurrock

For Thurrock in Thurrock proposes a new model of health care that would place greater emphasis on neighbourhood based care in communities. Health and social care teams at Thurrock CCG and Thurrock Council will work closely together to deliver care closer to home, moving away from the current more complex system.

Our proposals will see less fragmentation between services and less reliance on services from outside of Thurrock. By focusing on local care with greater integration between providers, we plan to make the best use of Thurrock funds and resources to pay for healthcare in Thurrock and for Thurrock people. Further information: <http://www.thurrockccg.nhs.uk/get-involved/for-thurrock-in-thurrock>

NHS Thurrock Clinical Commissioning Group

Thurrock Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is responsible for the commissioning and delivery of local health care services. The CCG buys healthcare from hospitals, community and mental health services and some specialist services (service contracts with GPs, dentists, pharmacists and opticians are managed by [NHS England](http://www.nhs.uk)).

Driven by clinicians, the CCG is supported by a wide range of professionals and strategic partners, to commission and deliver joined up seamless quality services to the public, patients and carers of Thurrock. Our vision is that the health and care experience for the people of Thurrock will be improved as a result of our working together. Further information about Thurrock Clinical Commissioning Group is available from www.thurrockccg.nhs.uk