

### New Pathology building at New Cross Hospital

The construction of a three-storey pathology centre at New Cross Hospital in Wolverhampton is well underway.

Construction of the new laboratory and accompanying facilities began in September 2011 and is due to be completed in late 2012, opening in early 2013.

A steel frame is now in place and concrete floors are being installed on all three floors. The main contractor on the 4,160 square metre centre is Morgan Sindall.

The pathology department handles various patient requirements such as blood tests, urine tests, and identifying viral and bacterial infections among patients. Once work is complete the centre will house various pathology functions and facilities including the microbiology, haematology, clinical chemistry and hisopathology units.

It is hoped the new unit will help to reduce patient waiting times as it will be able to handle tests more quickly, allowing patients to be treated sooner and therefore recover faster.

This is not the only work planned at the hospital, which is experiencing higher patient numbers than ever before, as a £27 million critical care unit is also planned, which will include a £10m accident and emergency centre.

In addition, a £550,000 extension will be built for the pre-operative assessment unit, beginning in October 2012. This new unit will provide separate male and female lounges for patients before they go into surgery and also discharge lounge facilities for patients recovering from surgery.

To accompany the project, the construction of a multi-million pound multi-storey car park, beginning in November 2012, will also create hundreds of new parking spaces. These

developments are part of a £400 million transformation of New Cross Hospital.

Chief Executive of Royal Wolverhampton Hospitals NHS Trust, David Loughton said:

"It's great to see this project taking shape on a daily basis. This is going to be a really important facility and is another significant project in our redevelopment of the New Cross site."



## Fitness for all the family at David Lloyd Worcester

An £8 million sports facility for David Lloyd Leisure is currently under construction in Worcester.

The new development is the 81st site for the group and will boast a range of sporting provisions, including indoor/outdoor tennis facilities, a state-of-the-art fitness area, an indoor/outdoor heated swimming pool and a dedicated zone for children's activities. The 5,600 sq metre development will also include two physiotherapy rooms and a wet spa area – including a sauna, steam room and spa.

David Lloyd Worcester is being constructed next to Sixways Stadium – home to Worcester Warriors rugby team – and as well as offering a vast range of sporting activities the facility will be fully staffed by a dedicated team of gym instructors. Prior to work taking place on the project the site housed overspill car parking facilities for Worcester Warriors Rugby Club.

David Lloyd Leisure Regional Director, Jason Andrews, said: "We are very excited about coming to Worcester and providing the community with what will be a fantastic club offering excellent facilities, classes, programmes and expertise.

"The Sixways Stadium site is a fabulous location for our racquets, health & fitness facilities and we are very much looking forward to working in partnership with the Worcester Warriors, a first-class rugby team.

"We are also proud to be supporting the local economy by creating some 70 to 80 full and part-time jobs."

Work began on the site in February 2012. Ryder Architecture is the architect on the project, whilst leading Dutch contractor Pellikaan Construction is the main contractor. Pellikaan Construction is a family business, specialising in the design & build construction of sports and leisure buildings for the commercial and public sectors and has a long-standing history of working with David Lloyd Leisure on its new sites.

The new development in Worcester is being constructed using a steel structure, with a metal deck first floor, composite panel walls and aluminium frame elevations. The external facade of the building will comprise facing brickwork whilst the roof will include standard seam roofing.

An important feature of the new development will be the 900

sq metre gym, which will become home to the latest fitness equipment, including weights, Power Plates™ and an extensive range of assisted resistance and cardiovascular equipment. The gym will also boast a full programme of classes; catering for a broad range of abilities with a studio dedicated solely to spinning classes.

Swimming facilities at David Lloyd Worcester will comprise a 25 metre indoor pool and a 20 metre outdoor pool – offering aqua aerobics, family and adult swim sessions and All Star Swimming lessons for children. David Lloyd Leisure's All Stars Swimming for children will cater for all swimming abilities, from beginners to advanced, will be fully endorsed by the Amateur Swimming Association (ASA), with classes taught by a team of qualified coaches.

Offering activities for the entire family is very important to David Lloyd Leisure, so three indoor and five outdoor tennis courts will provide the whole family with some of the best facilities in the region. The Tennis All Stars programme – accredited by the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) – will be made available to children aged 3 and upwards, whilst adults will also benefit from classes instructed by a team of LTA-qualified coaches.

Children will also be encouraged to take part in DL Kids, the club's activity programme designed exclusively with children's fitness in mind. Progressive coaching sessions will take place in a dedicated DL Kids zone and will be scheduled to synchronise with adult programmes.

As well as providing a range of activities to keep everyone on their toes, David Lloyd Worcester will also include a DL Café bar lounge where families can relax and socialise with friends. DL Café bar will include an outdoor terraced area and will showcase a delicious and comprehensive menu catering for both adults and children alike.

Additional facilities at David Lloyd Worcester include an outdoor play area, a crèche and a 240+ car park. Plans are also underway for an exclusive adults only spa area, which will include a salt steam room, a sauna, saunarium, tiled heated loungers and a large spa pool.

Pellikaan Construction Contracts Manager, Corné Van



Mook, said:

“We have a long standing relationship with David Lloyd Leisure and have constructed David Lloyd clubs for almost 20 years. Previous projects include David Lloyd Farnham and David Lloyd Exeter and we hope to continue constructing new builds for the brand for the foreseeable future.

“David Lloyd Worcester is being constructed on land previously owned by Worcester Warriors and the club is very excited and enthusiastic about the progress of the work. I believe that the positioning of this site is very important to its future success and once this project is complete the new David Lloyd will work very well next to the rugby club.”

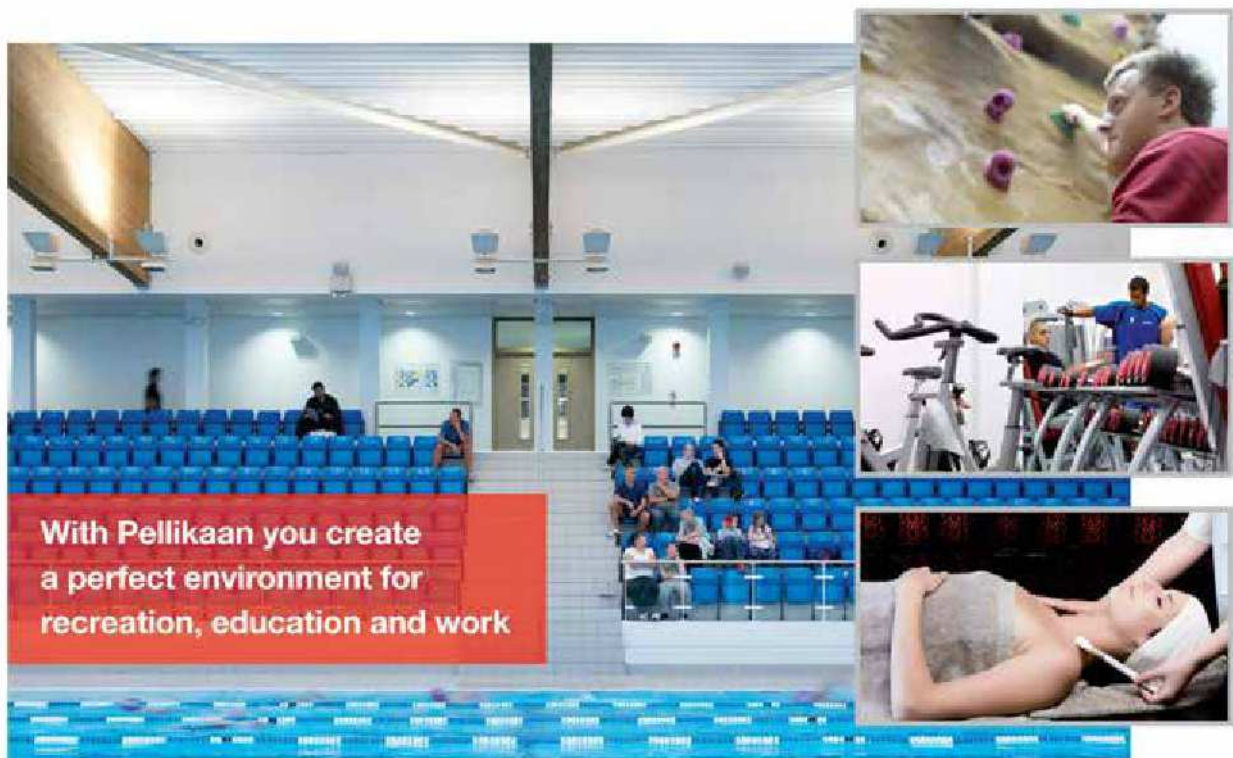
David Lloyd Worcester is scheduled to open on 1st December 2012.

### David Lloyd Leisure

At present, David Lloyd Leisure has 80 fitness clubs in the UK, as well as an additional ten sites across Europe. The group employs over 6,000 dedicated members of staff and in total its clubs provide fitness services for over 450,000 members.

Every week 20,000 children learn to swim with David Lloyd Leisure and 14,000 children learn to play tennis. The group’s racquet facilities include 700 tennis courts, as well as 180 badminton courts and 140 squash courts. Across the David Lloyd Leisure portfolio features include health and beauty spas, nurseries and specialist sports shops.

For more information on David Lloyd Leisure please visit: [www.davidlloyd.co.uk](http://www.davidlloyd.co.uk)



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