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NEW HEALTH CENTRE FOR CORNWALL OPENS ITS DOORS

Cornwall's new GP-led health centre, run by Primecare, is now ready to benefit thousands of local people and visitors when it opens its doors on Monday 10 August.

The new health centre is based in the Cardrew Industrial Estate in Redruth where it is easily accessible from the town centre and the main routes in

Open from 8am to 8pm, 7 days a week, every day of the year, the health centre will offer both walk-in services and bookable appointments with doctors and nurses.

As well as the full range of GP services, the centre will offer a minor injuries and illness service as an alternative to going to accident and emergency at the hospital.

The GP-led health centre expects to see around thousands of walk-in patients a year. But there are also places for patients to register with the health centre and use it as their GP practice – ideal for those who live or work nearby.

The health centre is one of five new walk-in facilities that Primecare are opening across the country in 2009.

David Rose, Managing Director of Primecare, said:

""We are pleased to be able to offer the people of Cornwall this new healthcare facility. We look forward to working with NHS colleagues to promote health and wellbeing. Our new practice is in a location that's well served by public transport with ample parking and disabled access making it easy for people to use the services at the health centre."

Susan Conner, Practice Manager for the Cardrew Health Centre, said:

""We've made it easy to see a doctor or nurse at the Health Centre. Open from 8am until 8pm, seven days a week and every day of the year, we offer NHS healthcare when you need it. You can use this service when it is convenient and keep registered with your usual GP practice. Alternatively you can register with us if you choose to. I look forward to welcoming you to the Health Centre."

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Notes to editors

- 1 The Cardrew Health Centre can be found at 60 Cardrew Industrial Estate, Cardrew Way, Redruth, TR17 1SS. Full details are available on the website www.cardrewhealthcentre.nhs.uk
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