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**SMILES ALL ROUND AT THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF FORE STREET  
NHS DENTAL PRACTICE**

It will be smiles all round on 18 March when Sheryll Murray MP officially opens the new Fore Street NHS Dental Practice, in Saltash.

Serving more than 4,000 patients – including those known to be waiting for NHS dentistry with room for hundreds more – the practice is a welcome addition to the High Street in Saltash.

The new practice includes two state-of-the-art surgeries and uses the very latest equipment and digital X-ray system. Four members of staff work at the practice including two dentists, a practice manager and two dental nurses.

Patients registering at the practice will be able to receive a range of treatments under the NHS including checks-ups, full courses of treatment and oral health promotion.

Patients who expressed an interest to register at the practice are currently being contacted about making an appointment. Those who have been waiting the longest will be called first.

Patients wanting to register at the practice should call 01726 627990 and leave their name and contact details.

MP Sheryll Murray, who will officially open the practice, said: "I am delighted that at long last Saltash has access to NHS Dental Services. I was very disappointed when the previous service was withdrawn and would like to

praise the Primary Care Trust for stepping in. I am delighted the Practice is in Fore Street and hope this will help to attract more trade to the town centre."

Steve Moore, Chief Executive of NHS Cornwall and Isles of Scilly, the Primary Care Trust, said: "It is great to see this new practice opening. It is in a convenient location in central Saltash and has been fitted out to a high standard by Primecare. It will give thousands of people in the area access to dental treatment under the NHS, something we know is important to local people."

David Rose, Managing Director of Primecare, said: "We are delighted to be officially opening the new practice. Many people at NHS Cornwall and Isles of Scilly and Primecare have worked hard to create a practice which fits with what people locally want so today's opening provides a chance to showcase this."

The practice will open six days a week: Mondays and Tuesdays from 9am to 5pm; Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9am till 1pm on; from 10am till 6pm on Thursdays; and from 8am to 4pm on Fridays.

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**Notes for editors:**

- NHS Cornwall and Isles of Scilly is the commissioner of health services for Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.
- Community-based health services are provided by Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Community Health Services, hosted by Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Primary Care Trust.
- The full address for the practice is 77 Fore Street, Saltash, PL12 6AF
- Primecare Oral Health Services Limited is a division of Nestor Primecare Services Limited. For more details about the company, contact Peta Wolstencroft on 0121 214 3763.

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