



News release

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New partnership opens GP practice to serve diverse Dudley population

Kates Hill Surgery in Dudley opens its doors to patients today -1 April 2010. The GP surgery is in a newly refurbished building in St Thomas's ward which is one of the most deprived and diverse areas of Dudley Borough.

A team of highly skilled doctors, nurses and administrative staff are working at the surgery which can register patients who live in the surrounding area.

The practice has been set up by St Thomas's Partnership Limited, a new partnership that has been formed with Primecare and local GP, Dr P D Gupta.

A range of patient services are on offer including medical checks, prescriptions, help for people long-term health conditions, childhood immunisations and family planning clinics.

The GP practice is open six days a week, having extended opening hours on Saturday mornings and until 8pm Tuesdays and Thursdays, making it easy for patients and carers to attend at a time that is convenient.

The team of health professionals will also be running clinics in local community venues, providing health advice and information to groups and individuals.

Dr Gupta who is a GP in Dudley, and a director of St Thomas's Partnership Limited, said:

"I am delighted that this new practice is now open to care for the residents of Dudley. It's easy to register with the new GP practice. Just call in to the surgery on Wolverton Road and pick up a new patient registration form.

"The surgery boasts brand new facilities and equipment with an experienced and caring team of professionals.

"The full range of nurse and GP services is available, as well as convenient opening times to suit everyone. We are looking forward to running our health clinics outside the GP surgery so that people can get health care advice without needing to book an appointment."

David Rose, Managing Director of Primecare, said:

"The St Thomas's Partnership combines Primecare expertise, with local clinical excellence so that patients can be assured of the quality of services they receive. Kates Hill Surgery offers Dudley residents the choice of registering with a new GP practice with convenient opening hours."

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Notes to editors

- 1 Kates Hill Surgery is commissioned by NHS Dudley, the primary care trust for Dudley Borough.
- 2 For more information on the surgery go to www.kateshillsurgery.nhs.uk or all Ruth Wilkin, Head of Communications and Marketing on 0121 214 3763.