

Dear stakeholder,

I am delighted to report that plans to build a new elective care centre in Colchester have today been approved by the governing bodies of the NHS Ipswich and East Suffolk and NHS North East Essex clinical commissioning groups.

This new centre, which will be constructed on the existing hospital site in Turner Road, will increase clinical capacity and allow local people to be seen faster, saving them lengthy waiting times for appointments while in pain. Please click [HERE](#) to read the press release containing all the details.

I would like to thank everyone who has taken the time to give us their view on the proposal. We are committed to working collaboratively and will co-design the new centre with our staff, partners and our service users. Travel is a key issue and we will continue to develop our plans with our local Healthwatch groups and county councils.

I believe today's decision is great news and will provide our communities with high quality orthopaedic services that are fit for the future, delivered from a state-of-the-art centre. Please contact myself or simon.morgan4@nhs.net if you have any questions.

Yours,

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