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Creation of a single leader across Monitor and the TDA

The Secretary of State has announced the move to a single leader of Monitor and the Trust Development Authority (TDA), the organisations responsible for providing increased support to hospitals to continue to improve care and boost efficiency.

The change will mean that all NHS providers, whether they are foundation trusts or trusts, will be under the supervision of one chief executive.

The principle of closer working between Monitor and the TDA has been the subject of growing consensus among healthcare leaders and NHS providers.

Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt said “This is an exciting opportunity for the people at Monitor and the TDA to combine their respective skills to create a world class capability to support NHS providers.”

Patients rightly expect the same very high standards of care wherever they are in the country and whatever the organisational status of the hospital delivering their care.

The chairs of both Monitor and the TDA have been asked to run an open and competitive process to identify a chief executive. The intention is that an appointment will be made by the end of the summer.

Source: GOV.UK

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-announces-monitor-and-trust-development-authority-move-to-single-leadership-to-deliver-increased-support-to-hospitals>

New social contract between the public, health and care services

Jeremy Hunt, Health Secretary, has called for a new social contract between the public, health and care services.

Speaking at the Local Government Association annual conference the Health Secretary urged the public to take more personal responsibility: for looking after the elderly; for their own health and in using finite NHS resources.

Jeremy Hunt stated “By the end of this Parliament we will have a million more over 70s, one third of them living alone. Yes the health and social care system, must do a much better job of looking after them. But so too must all of us as citizens as well.”

On taking personal responsibility for our own health, he said “The best person to prevent a long term condition developing is not the doctor – it’s you. “

He also announced that Alistair Burt, Minister for Care Services, will develop a new careers’ strategy to support both existing and new carers.

Source: GOV.UK

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-social-contract-between-the-public-health-and-care-services>

New £6m health centre in east Ipswich

Work has officially started on the new £6m Two Rivers Health Centre on Woodbridge Road East in Ipswich.

The new centre will be the home of the combined Lattice Barn and Woodbridge Road GP practices, which merged on 1 April to become Two Rivers.

The centre will consist of 25 consulting and treatments rooms, a minor operations suite, GP training facilities and an on-site pharmacy. The centre will serve 25,000 patients.

Local MP and junior health minister, Ben Gummer, stated he was delighted to see the start of the work on the project which showed the way forward for GP practices as more medical work is carried out away from hospitals.

The centre is being delivered by Apollo Capital Projects Development, an Ipswich-based primary care premises developer, and Barnes Construction has been appointed to create the facility.

The work is expected to be completed by next summer however it has not yet been decided whether the centre will be open seven days a week.

Source: East Anglian Daily Times

http://www.eadt.co.uk/news/work_starts_on_new_6m_health_centre_in_east_ipswich_1_4128522