

# News

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## **£7.5 million St Luke's Treatment Centre officially opened by rugby legend**

St Luke's Treatment Centre, the landmark £7.5 million health facility in Market Harborough, has been officially opened by local Rugby Union legend, and former England captain, Martin Johnson CBE.

The high-profile project was delivered by construction and infrastructure company Morgan Sindall, who were appointed by NHS Property Services through the East Midlands Property Alliance (empa); the framework which is managed by Scape Group - the public-sector organisation dedicated to creating ongoing efficiency and social value via the built environment.

The critically-important 23,000 sq ft treatment centre is the largest single investment in healthcare facilities for Leicestershire in a generation, and is set to have a transformative effect on healthcare delivery in the region.

The modern and technologically advanced health facility streamlines the delivery of a range of services provided by Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Alliance (LLR Alliance), Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust (LPT) and the Market Harborough and Bosworth Partnership. These include: a Minor Injuries Unit, GP branch surgery, x-ray suite, mental health and outpatient clinics, a specially equipped physiotherapy suite and podiatry rooms.

The first floor of the building features 20 consulting rooms which will be used for outpatient services delivery, alongside a separate reception area.

The second floor will provide office space for LPT and the LLR Alliance, with facilities including hot-desks and staff amenities.

Since opening its doors to patients in March 2017, St Luke's has treated more than 3,269 outpatients, while the attached surgery and the Minor Injuries Unit has seen in excess of 10,000 patients. The feedback has been unreservedly positive, with people praising the building for its modern design, accessibility and ease of navigation.

Sean Bowles, Managing Director of Morgan Sindall in the Midlands, added: "The construction process generated enormous public interest due to the significance of the treatment centre to the people of Market Harborough and it's gratifying to see how well the completed facility is being received.

"We're incredibly proud to have successfully delivered this landmark project through empa for NHS Property Services and confident it will be an enduring addition to healthcare provision in the area."

Victoria Brambini, Managing Director of Scape Procure, said: "It is fantastic to see such positive collaboration between Morgan Sindall and NHS Property Services to deliver this vital new facility for Market Harborough and the local communities. Through using the empa framework, the construction of the facility has achieved the use of local suppliers and the creation of new employment and training opportunities for local people."

Martin Johnson CBE said: "It was a real honour to officially open St Luke's Treatment Centre. The facility is a great asset for the people of Market Harborough and the surrounding areas and offers

so many vital healthcare services in a single location. As a local resident, it's reassuring to know that if I or any of my family needs care, there is a fantastic healthcare service on our doorstep."

Alasdair White, Head of Construction Project Management at NHS Property Services, said: "We're proud to have delivered this treatment centre as part of our work to ensure the NHS operates from modern, fit-for-purpose buildings, and we know it is making a real difference to patient care in the local area. We'd like to thank our NHS and developer partners for their hard work in creating this excellent facility."

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