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## Hinckley's state-of-the-art Community Diagnostic Centre formally opened

We are delighted to announce that our £24.6 million state-of-the-art Community Diagnostic Centre (CDC) was officially opened in Hinckley last Friday (27 June 2025) by Dr Luke Evans, MP for Hinckley and Bosworth.

The first of its kind in Leicestershire, the brand-new purpose-built facility will offer patients a wide range of diagnostic tests closer to home, giving greater choice on where they are undertaken and easing pressure on our busy hospitals.

Located next to the site of the former Hinckley and District Community Hospital on Mount Road, the CDC will provide a range of diagnostic tests such as CT, MRI, X-Ray, Ultrasound, Phlebotomy, Dermatology, Audiology assessments and Endoscopy.



The formal opening of Hinckley Community Diagnostic Centre



Helen Hendley, Director of Planned Care for the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Integrated Care Board (LLR ICB) said: "Today's official opening marks a milestone for the Community Diagnostic Centre and the people of Hinckley and surrounding areas.

"I am delighted for the community to see the project come to fruition to benefit local healthcare provision and support patients to get the diagnosis and treatment that they need more quickly."

Delivered by a collaboration between the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland ICB (Integrated Care Board), the University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust (UHL), NHS Property Services, and the Darwin Group Ltd, the centre is expected to undertake 70,000 tests this year, increasing to more than 80,000 next year.

Bringing care closer to home, for local people in Hinckley and surrounding areas, the new CDC means local patients will no longer need to travel into the city or out of the county to be diagnosed.

Local patient Ros Chadwin, who attended for an X-ray at the new site last week during her lunchbreak said: "I could just nip out, have it done and nip back, so I've even got time to take the dog for a walk."

Another of the first patients to be treated in the new unit was 69-



year-old Albert Bonsell who came to the new centre for a blood test. He said: "It's a really nice place and the staff working here have all been lovely. It's really great to have a facility like this on our doorstep, it's very convenient for me as I live in Barwell, and it means I don't have to travel further afield for tests."

Health Minister Karin Smyth added: "This new cutting-edge Community Diagnostic Centre in Hinckley is the latest example of how this government is delivering faster diagnoses and treatment for patients, closer to home.

"By moving vital healthcare services out of hospitals and closer to patient's doorsteps, we're improving access to vital services and helping cut waiting times.

"This is exactly the kind of innovative, community-focused healthcare that this government's Plan for Change is delivering, putting patients first and building an NHS fit for the future."