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Cygnet Hospital Sherwood Build Gets Underway

WORK has begun on a new purpose built facility in Mansfield to support men and women who are struggling with their mental health.

The state of the art service, to be named Cygnet Hospital Sherwood, will be run by Cygnet Health Care, one of the largest independent UK providers of mental health services in the UK. It will bring more than 100 new jobs to the local area and see further investment by Cygnet in the local economy, drawing on local resources during the construction phase and for day-to-day supplies to run the service.

The 44-bed hospital, in Rainworth, will be an extension to the existing Cygnet Health Care site on Rufford Colliery Lane in the village. It will be a sanctuary to enable people facing mental health difficulties to recover in a safe, supportive environment.

The building work began earlier this summer and it is expected that the hospital will be open to patients by the end of 2023.

Dr Tony Romero, CEO of Cygnet Health Care, joined the team in Rainworth to officially break ground on the build. He explained:

“It is our priority to ensure those suffering with their mental health get the very best support they need. Cygnet’s new hospital on the Sherwood campus will complement the range of mental health services we already deliver in the area and we are delighted that we will soon be able to support more people who need our help.”

Currently, Cygnet Sherwood Lodge and Cygnet Sherwood House operate from the site. Sherwood Lodge cares for men with learning disabilities and complex needs, while Sherwood House is a specialist, high-dependency inpatient rehabilitation service for men.

The setting has been designed with wellness in mind, providing a safe and comfortable environment to promote successful recovery. Facilities will include onsite car parking, a garden, en-suite bedrooms, therapy rooms, a multi-faith room, a gym, treatment rooms, hair salon, communal lounge, dining room, quiet lounge, and meeting rooms. The range of job opportunities it will create will include health care professionals, clinicians, nurses, catering, domestics and administrative roles.

Cygnet is a partner to the NHS providing mental health care across a range of services around the country. The impact of the Covid pandemic has seen a rise in the number of people suffering with their mental health and it is expected there will be high demand for the services offered at Cygnet Hospital Sherwood.

Dr Romero added: *“We know that the pandemic has had a huge impact on people’s mental health and it is anticipated that an extra 500,000 people across the UK will experience mental health difficulties because of Covid-19. This will affect not only their mind, but also their physical health, relationships, families, job prospects and so much more. The current demand nationally is surging and with that increase in need for specialist mental health services, we want to be part of the solution and work together with the NHS to provide the best treatment and facilities to help people on their recovery journey.*

“The new hospital will be purpose-built to meet the latest NHS specifications for improving mental health within a therapeutic environment and will ensure East Midlands and Nottinghamshire patients can receive the treatment and care they need close to family and friends.

“I was thrilled to visit the team and see the work officially underway, I look forward to seeing the difference the facility will make to so many people.”

The service at Cygnet Hospital Sherwood will bring mental health treatment closer to home for many people, improving their quality of care, and reducing their length of stay in hospital.

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Notes to Editors

For interviews, please contact Gemma Attew, External Communications Manager, at gemmaattew@cygnethealth.co.uk

Further information on Cygnet Hospital Sherwood can be found here:

<https://www.cygnethealth.co.uk/locations/sherwood-house/>

Caption for Group image: L to R, Verity Allsop Regional Quality Assurance Manager, Nita Roper Hospital Director Sherwood House, Claire Griffiths Hospital Manager, Ricky Holland Operations Director and Dr Tony Romero CEO of Cygnet Health Care

About Cygnet Health Care

Cygnet Health Care has been providing a national network of high-quality, specialised mental health services for the NHS and local authorities for the past 30 years.

Cygnet Health Care’s pioneering services support people with complex and acute mental health needs across the UK.

As one of the best quality providers in mental health services in the country, Cygnet Health Care’s focus is always on the best outcomes for those who use or commission its services. 85% of Cygnet’s facilities are rated as good or outstanding, which is above the national average. www.cygnethealth.co.uk