

## **Press Release**

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### **Looking for an NHS dentist in Chippenham?**

NHS Wiltshire and Dr Michael Frain Ltd are pleased to announce the opening of a new NHS Dental Services Centre in Chippenham in January 2010. Patients can begin registering from 7 December 2009.

The new centre will be based from March 2010 at the Hathaway Medical Centre – until then patients will be treated at the Caledonia Dental Practice at New Road. It will provide NHS dental treatment for an additional 10,000 new patients each year and has been commissioned as part of NHS Wiltshire's £3.2 million investment in NHS dentistry. Registrations will be offered initially to resident patients from the SN14 and SN15 postal areas, but this will be extended to other areas in Wiltshire at a later date.

Improving dentistry is one of the top priorities for Wiltshire, based on people's needs in the county and identified by the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment published earlier this year. NHS Wiltshire investment in dental provision for 2008/2009 saw a 10% increase in dental activity. The investment for 2009/10 ensures a further 10% and is the second phase in a three-year investment programme. By 2011, there will be nearly one-third more NHS dental activity available in Wiltshire.

In order to access NHS dental services at the dental centre, patients are asked to visit Caledonia Dental Practice, 34 New Road, Chippenham, Wiltshire, SN15 1HP to collect an application pack for completion. If they cannot visit themselves, a friend or relative can pick up the pack on their behalf. Once the completed pack has been received, the practice will contact you to arrange an appointment as necessary.

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