



Copeland MP visits new Millom dental surgery

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The MP for Copeland will visit the new NHS dental surgery in Millom on Friday (4th February) to see how it is operating.

The town's new dental surgery opened in early autumn 2010 as part of NHS Cumbria's £1.5million investment in 22,500 new dental places last year. It is operated by Oasis Dental Care and will eventually deliver 5,000 new NHS dental places over the next few years for people living in Millom and the surrounding area.

Jamie Reed MP will be visiting the surgery at 12:30pm for a quick tour and photographers are welcome to attend the surgery based in Government Building, St George's Road, in Millom.

The new surgery is also taking part in NHS Cumbria's new preventative oral health scheme. This means that patients are offered more preventative oral health advice, so they can learn how to improve the overall health of their teeth and gums alongside regular dental check ups.

New patients firstly undergo a dental oral health assessment when they first register to enable the dentist to assess what needs to be done in the future and to advise patients what they can do themselves to improve the health of their own teeth and gums. Once this has been undertaken patients will then begin a course of treatment if needed.

Leanne Fawcett is a Dental Commissioner for NHS Cumbria. She said: "The new NHS dental surgery in Millom has now been up and running since last autumn and so far has been a real success. It's great that Mr Reed has taken the time to come and see how here in his constituency as well as across Cumbria we are investing in providing both new NHS dental places, but also a more comprehensive oral health programme too."

Andrew Pearse, practice manager at Oasis Dental Practice in Millom, said:

"We're thrilled Mr Reed is taking the time out to visit the practice, meet the team and see the work we're doing here.

"It will also be a great opportunity to discuss our preventative oral health scheme with him as it's something we're keen to highlight in the region."

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