



## **Fifth new dental practice opens in Bristol**

**Friday 4 March, 2011**

A new Bristol dental surgery, providing 10,000 new NHS dental places, will be officially opened on Friday 4 March at 10am.

Local MP for Bristol West, Stephen Williams, Jill Shepherd, NHS Bristol director of commissioning will be cutting the ribbon at the Oasis Dental Care practice on Neath Road in St George.

The dental practice, located in a converted church on Neath Road, has 10,000 NHS dental places available to residents throughout Bristol and is the last of five new dental practices that NHS Bristol has commissioned for the city.

Jill Shepherd said:

"This is the last of five new practices the PCT has opened in Bristol. Our aim was to ensure that patients across Bristol have access to an NHS dentist and we have done so. The five practices combined offer over 50,000 new dental places for people – a massive increase.

"It's wonderful to see these new surgeries, based in the community providing dental care for patients in brand new locations."

The new Oasis Dental Care practice boasts state-of-the-art equipment and has taken on over 2,500 patients since January. The experienced team at the practice include four dentists, one therapist and six dental nurses.

Justin Ash, chief executive of Oasis Dental Care, said:

"Oasis will be working closely with NHS Bristol to deliver on our plans to improve the dental services available in the area.

"Our aim is to lead the way in improving the standard and quality of dentistry.

"To date we've heavily invested in our practices through a rolling programme of extensive improvements and refurbishments to ensure we offer the best in patient care and meet legislative demand.

"With the opening of this new practice in St. George, Oasis now offers quality dental care to patients throughout Bristol across its four practices in the city."



In Bristol, the easiest way to get NHS dental treatment is to phone the NHS dental helpline on: 0845 120 6680

Here you will find information about your closest NHS dentist, find availability and book an appointment.

To contact the new Oasis practice, in St.George, directly or to make an appointment, please call 0117 951 5559 or visit [Bristol4@oasis-healthcare.com](mailto:Bristol4@oasis-healthcare.com)

**Ends**

**Notes to editors:**

- Oasis Dental Care is a leading provider of NHS and private dental care in the UK. It is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Oasis Healthcare Ltd, backed by Duke Street.
- Established in 1996, Oasis now has 200 practices across England, Wales and Northern Ireland and cares for over 1.5 million people.