

**MEDIA RELEASE**

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**LAUNCH OF NEW STROKE SERVICE AT KING'S MILL HOSPITAL**

More North Nottinghamshire patients will be able to receive gold standard stroke treatment closer to home, thanks to the launch of a new clot busting treatment at King's Mill Hospital.

Many strokes are caused by blockages to arteries in the brain. The clot busting drug (thrombolysis) dissolves the clots which causes these blockages and is a potentially curative treatment for stroke patients.

The new service will operate from 8.00am to 5.00pm, Monday to Friday (including public holidays). Weekend and out of hours thrombolysis treatment will continue to be provided at City Hospital, Nottingham.

The continued development of stroke services at King's Mill is a result of ongoing collaboration between the stroke services at Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and University Hospitals of Nottingham NHS Foundation Trust. There has also been consistent support from local healthcare partners and the East Midlands Stroke Network, with East Midlands Ambulance Service playing an important role in the successful delivery of the new service.

The Head of Service for Stroke at Sherwood Forest Hospitals, Dr Martin Cooper emphasised the benefit this will provide to the local population.

Dr Cooper said: "Research has shown that the quicker people are assessed and treated by specialist teams, the better their chances of survival and recovery from a stroke.

"We are delighted therefore that we are now able to offer this important treatment to stroke patients at King's Mill Hospital – it is just one of a number of significant new developments which further enhances the range of top quality services for the local population."

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**Notes to editors:**

Patients assessed as requiring thrombolysis at weekends and out of hours will continue to be taken to City Hospital, Nottingham – with an expected return to King's Mill or Newark Hospitals for their ongoing care and rehabilitation at around day

seven following the stroke. **NEED TO CHECK IF NEWARK PATIENTS WILL  
COME TO KMH**