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Radiotherapy Centre Opens this Year!

Since the launch of our Radiotherapy Appeal in 2015, the Friends of Savernake Hospital and the Community have been with us every step of the way. Thanks to your incredible support and the help of our amazing local community the Radiotherapy Centre is expected to open this summer!



The external works are now complete. Internal walls are up and decorated, utilities are connected and the IT infrastructure is in place. Yesterday the sign even went up over the door signalling that the arrival of better care for our cancer patients is imminent.



Whilst work completes externally, engineers have been on site over the last couple of months installing the two vital machines – linear accelerators – that will deliver radiotherapy treatments.



The building handover from the contractors is expected around the end of March. Once complete, work will begin on the internal set up and induction of new staff.

From when it opens in June 2022, 700 cancer patients per year will be able to have radiotherapy treatment here in Swindon, instead of facing countless trips to Oxford. This will be an incredible achievement and we are indebted to you for your continued and longstanding support.

CT Scanner

Brighter Futures is fundraising for £500,000 so that a specialised CT scanner can also be installed into the Radiotherapy Centre. This will enable cancer patients to have pre-treatment scans and radiotherapy planning appointments at the same place as they will receive their radiotherapy treatment. It will complete the vision for the Centre and enable patients to have excellent cancer care provision closer to home.



Your grant of £10,000 last year was a huge boost. We are delighted to report that we have now achieved three quarters of the overall target. We hope to reach our goal very soon, so that the CT scanner can be installed later this year into a dedicated space in the new Radiotherapy Centre and bring benefits to our patients sooner.

Thank you Friends of Savernake Hospital and the Community for your continued support and for helping us to make such a difference to the health of local people.

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