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BREAKING NEWS...

Urology Centre to go ahead!

I am delighted to report that victory is in sight. Subject only to NHSI (Improvement) approval, the Royal Surrey County Hospital board have approved the reinstatement of the Urology Centre build. The hospital issued the following press release at 10.30 this morning.

Update: Urology Centre to go ahead

Royal Surrey County Hospital and the Prostate Project are pleased to announce that the development of a new urology centre is set to restart. This project was put on hold earlier this year in response to the Trust's financial position.

Following an extensive review of the hospital's urology service, it is now an appropriate time to recommence the project and reaffirm Royal Surrey's commitment as a centre of excellence for oncology. It is envisaged that work will begin next year, to be completed in the summer of 2018. The new centre will be a best in class facility, costing £4 million and will be funded between the hospital and the charity. In the meantime, the Trust is continuing to work closely with its clinicians and the charity to ensure the project delivers the benefits required for the hospital's long term financial sustainability.

Chief Executive, Paula Head, said: "I am very pleased that we are able to progress this project, which recognises the Trust's commitment to Urology services and in particular the treatment of prostate cancer.

"The Trust already achieves fantastic outcomes for its urology patients and the new facility will ensure an excellent experience during their treatment.

"I appreciate that the pause, particularly for the Prostate Project and its generous donors has been difficult, but it is now the right time to move this ambitious build forward.

"Can I also thank Colin Stokes and his team for their patience and their continued tireless fundraising efforts, without which this project would not be possible."

Prostate Project Chairman, Colin Stokes MBE, said: "This is the news we and all our supporters have all been waiting and praying for. "After the deep disappointment of the build delay in

February, we are delighted that the project can now move ahead. Together, we can realise our dream of creating a true centre of urological excellence. This will benefit not only Royal Surrey's patients, but people from throughout the UK and beyond.

"The new centre will be a key referral and information facility as well as an important site of clinical trial development and research for the team of scientists and technicians from the University of Surrey headed by Prostate Project trustee, Professor Hardev Panda."

The new Centre will be jointly funded by the Prostate Project and the hospital. A 6 year 'Pint-a-Week' appeal launched and sponsored by the Surrey Advertiser has already raised £1.6 million towards the build. Now a new campaign to raise an additional £400,000 will be launched with backing from broadcaster, Michael Buerk, Baroness Kate Parminter, Peter and Jackie Alliss and Deputy Chief Whip, Anne Milton MP.

Thank you all for your generosity, patience and understanding. If you, or anyone you know, can help us raise the additional £400,000 we need, please contact Tim Sharp on 07989 865702 Email: tim@timothysharp.co.uk or Katherine Hammersley on 07724 465883 Email: info@prostate-project.co.uk

Yours sincerely

Colin Stokes MBE

Chairman Emeritus

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