

NHS trust signs up for new offices in Newcastle city centre

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The Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust to take 18,500 sq ft of space across the first floor of Eldon Court, at Eldon Square, taking the offices to full occupancy. The trust will use the property for staff training and chose the location because of its prime location, close to the Royal Victoria Infirmary and city centre public transport, providing good links to the Freeman hospitals.

Fit-out works are currently under way to create a number of training suites for teaching clinical and non-clinical staff, plus some support space and a reception area. Knight Frank sealed the letting, as joint agent working on behalf of Eldon Square's asset managers, Catella APAM.

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Patrick Matheson, partner at Knight Frank, said: "This is a significant letting for the city centre. As well as being a prime location for public transport, the property also has excellent access to amenities for food, leisure and shopping."

The trust has signed a 25-year lease and staff are set to move in early next year once the refurbishment has been completed.

Property manager at The Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Anthony Bailes, added: "We are delighted to have found a property that is so close to the Royal Victoria Infirmary and public transport hub to Freeman because

convenience and ease of access for our people when they need to leave their job to train, is so important.

“The move will significantly raise the standard of the environment and the comfort levels for our staff so we are very much looking forward to moving in.”

The publisher of ChronicleLive, The Chronicle, The Journal and The Sunday Sun, Reach plc, is also a tenant at the Eldon Square offices.

Bernice Nesham of Catella APAM said: “We are delighted to welcome our newest tenant to the office space in the heart of our shopping centre. This is a significant and important letting not just for the centre, but for our region as a whole. We are proud that the Trust has selected our premises to facilitate such an important programme as the NHS training centre which will support the incredible NHS staff in continuing to deliver crucial services for the region and our communities.”

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