



The Cancer Centre Campaign
transforming cancer care

UPDATE
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Official name of the Cancer Centre unveiled

We are delighted to announce that the new chemotherapy and haematology unit will be known as The Collingwood Centre. We are renaming it in honour of the incredible generosity of one person, who has given over £1m to the Cancer Centre Campaign.

We wanted to mark this amazing gift in a special way and asked the donor if they would like to name the new centre. The name they have chosen has significant meaning to their family and is therefore very fitting for the centre.

Building work has now begun!

After four years of fundraising, the wait is finally over. Construction work has just started on the £3.25m development which will be built above the existing Radiotherapy Centre.

The Collingwood Centre will open later this year and will transform cancer care at Colchester Hospital.



Impression of what the new Chemotherapy Suite could look like

Now the contractors are on site, a stop motion camera will soon be installed and we hope to be able to share a link on our website so that you can track the building's progress.

Leon Seccombe, construction site manager, explains the building schedule. "There won't be much to see for a month or so but when the steel works go up it will really start to take shape."

A comforting environment

Patients will benefit from spacious, light, bright surroundings, which are comfortable and peaceful. The new facilities will mean that patients and their families have the privacy and dignity they often need, both during and post treatment.

A calm and healing environment will help to minimise the stress and anxiety of the cancer pathway. The new building will also boost our fantastic staff team and promote excellence and collaboration. The design allows room to expand in the future as the region's population continues to grow.



Construction site of The Collingwood Centre

£250,000 left to raise

We are very excited that the campaign has reached the point where we have raised sufficient money to start building the chemotherapy and haematology suite. However, that does not mean we can call a halt to the fundraising as we still have £250,000 left to raise to reach our target and have sufficient funds to build the Wellness Centre.

The Wellness Centre

The final stage of the Cancer Centre will be the Wellness Centre. This is where patients and their families will be able to get advice and information, sign up for courses to help them through this difficult time in their lives and take part in counselling and complimentary therapies.

Cathryn Ramsey the project manager for the Wellness Centre has been working closely with patients and cancer support groups to make sure that we get this important element of the centre right.

Cathryn says, "patients have told me they would like the environment to be non-clinical, somewhere to go away from where they are receiving their treatments and to have a place where they can chat to others in relaxed surroundings." The Wellness Centre is a key part of the Cancer Centre but will be a separate building providing not only some geographical, but also psychological distance from the main treatment centre.

Can you help us
meet the final target?

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2019 Club news

Just Jules Fitness in Colchester joined the 2019 Club in July 2018 and was delighted to hand over a cheque for £4368 just before Christmas.



Welcome

We would like to say hello and welcome to The Collingwood Centre Design & Construction Team and Wright Ruffell (Sturicks) Ltd who have joined the 2019 Club since Christmas.

Join the club

For more information or to join the 2019 Club in support of the Cancer Centre Campaign, visit www.colchesteripswichcharity.org.uk/2019-club

Owner, Julie chose to support the 2019 Club because several of her members have experienced cancer and been treated at Colchester Hospital. Hand bag swaps, abseiling and an aerobathon were just some of the fundraising activities organised by Julie and her classes in the last six months. Head of fundraising, Caroline Bates said, "I can't believe how quickly Julie has managed to raise not just £2019 but more than double that amount. We are really proud of everything they have achieved."