

**MEDIA RELEASE**

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**NHS NORTH SOMERSET ADVERTISES FOR PRIVATE SECTOR PARTNER  
TO BUILD THE NEW CLEVEDON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL**

NHS North Somerset was able to confirm today that an advert has been placed in the Official Journal of the European Union inviting companies to tender for the building and maintenance of the new Clevedon Community Hospital.

This follows a number of important milestones being hit and passed for the project. Firstly, the South West Strategic Health Authority approved the Business Case endorsing the decision to find a Private Sector Partner and secondly the Reserved Matters consent has been granted by North Somerset Council for the new Hospital. The Reserved Matters application was a much more detailed submission of what the new Hospital will actually look like.

“Once again we continue to make great strides towards the delivery of a new Community Hospital for the people of North Somerset” said Chris Born, Chief Executive of NHS North Somerset. “ We look forward to announcing our preferred partner at the end of the procurement process in July next year”

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**Notes to Editors**

- NHS North Somerset is the local Primary Care Trust for North Somerset. The trust was established in April 2002 to ensure the provision of the

highest quality healthcare services to the residents of North Somerset. It was recently assessed as one of the most improved PCTs in England by the Care Quality Commission.

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