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## KEN CLARKE REOPENS COMPTON ACRES

Mr Kenneth Clarke, QC, MP for Rushcliffe and Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice, has opened the newly refurbished Compton Acres Dental Practice in West Bridgford, Nottinghamshire, 22 years after opening the original dental practice when Mr Clarke was Secretary of State for Health.

The original Compton Acres Dental Practice opened at the Compton Acres Shopping Centre in West Bridgford in 1989 and won a number of awards for best practice, innovation and quality of care. £600,000 has been spent on creating the state of the art,

purpose built new practice, which has over twice the space and floor area of the original practice and a second floor extension. It also boasts no-touch electric glass doors, a dedicated decontamination room, and all the latest audio-visual and computer facilities.

Mr Clarke cut the ribbon in front of 50 invited guests, principal dentist Mr John Grummitt, his wife Dawn who is co-director and practice manager, and the rest of their dental team which includes two further dentists and three dental hygienists.

Mr Grummitt, who has been practising dentistry for almost 30 years, said that he has always aimed to stay at the forefront of cosmetic, reconstructive and implant dentistry and hopes to continue to offer current and new patients complete satisfaction at the brand new Compton Acres Dental Practice.



Left to right: Mrs Gillian Clarke, Mr John Grummitt, Mr Kenneth Clarke and Mrs Dawn Grummitt

## KENT SECURES FUNDING FOR DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES

Kent Community Health NHS Trust's Community Dental Service has won a prestigious funding award in Newham, London.

Kent Community Health worked with authorities in Tower Hamlets and Hackney to put a bid together and has been successful in obtaining funding for projects to support better oral health in East London. The projects will help people in disadvantaged communities, particularly young children and families in areas of poor oral health. Funding has been allocated to projects to help the elderly and vulnerable people.

The British Dental Health Foundation (BDHF) established the Oral Health Education Project earlier this year to support the work of local oral health promotion teams across the UK. The project was made possible by a charitable donation of £100,000 from the Wrigley Tooth Fairy Fund. This project targets parents of children under the age of one to help reduce dental decay and increase the use of dental services.

'We are confident that [Kent Community Dental Service] will make a significant contribution to the lives of nearly 20,000 people who will benefit from the Fund,' said Lorna Grazette, BDHF Trustee and Chair of Judges.