

Opening day for health science centre in Inverness

EXHIBITION PREPARED FOR VISITORS TO 'FOCUS FOR EXCELLENCE'

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The eagerly awaited new Centre for Health Science in Inverness will be officially opened today.

Located near Raigmore Hospital, the "next generation" facility will accommodate academic institutions – the universities of Aberdeen and Stirling and the UHI – as well as a centre for rural health and a specialist diabetes unit.

It will be a focus for excellence in healthcare and biotechnology research, education, training and business development.

It features a 150-seat auditorium, two separate lecture theatres and video conferencing capability.

A clinical skills centre offers training for undergraduate and postgraduate nurses,

doctors and dentists. And there is a simulated four-bed ward and practical skills laboratory.

Alastair Munro, chairman of the Centre for Health Science Ltd, said: "You don't need to have any specific science interest to find a tour of this project absolutely fascinating.

"People will, I think, be very interested in the dental teaching unit, where trainee dentists can learn their skills on 'phantom heads'.

"There is also plenty to see in the simulated hospital ward where medical staff can train on mannequins which

present various medical conditions, such as multiple injuries or the childbirth process."

During an open day between 10am and 5pm tomorrow people will also be able to see an extensive exhibition and tour the centre's "main street".

There will be a number of presentations on clinical skills subjects as well as a specially-designed courtyard at the centre of the building will be accessible along with the centre's cafe.

There are full details online at www.centreforhealthscience.com





OPENING: The centre is located near Raigmore Hospital. Photograph: Gordon Lennox

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