

69-75 Chenies Mews - Statement of the Public Benefits of the Development

Why the facility is needed:

- The importance of this new site cannot be understated. Not only are the UCLH Trust in desperate need for additional scanning resources in order to combat increasingly long waiting times, but the research undertaken in QS Enterprises' proposed unit will be a platform for the clinical and medical treatments of the future.

Why the facility is needed in this area:

- The new unit will replace an existing facility based at the site now known as UCLH at Westmoreland Street. It is important that the new unit remains in close proximity to UCLH Trust buildings, whilst also being accessible to UCL research staff.

The type of work which would be done at this site:

- The new MRI unit will undertake specialist cardiac, neuro and body MRI scanning procedures for a variety of medical, and research purposes.

The importance of this work to the overall operation:

- The ability to replicate the facilities currently available at the Westmoreland Street site is vitally important to further the understanding and diagnosis of cardiac disease.
- The new facility will collaborate with the Hatter Institute located next door, to develop a new cardio-oncology service for both NHS and private patients. With cancer remaining a key priority in public health, the ability to further understand the adverse effects of chemotherapy and radiotherapy treatments to the heart is vital. This work will be pivotal in shaping future treatment regimens for the benefit of all patients.
- The MRI unit will also enable collaboration with the new UCL clinical phenotyping group, whose world renowned research is shaping the future of treatment of some of the most common diseases which carry the greatest burden to patient wellbeing as well as NHS funding. The ability for the clinical phenotyping group to see and scan their subjects on site will reduce the burden on clinical facilities elsewhere, freeing up much needed clinical capacity in spaces such as the South Camden Centre for Health.