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PRESS RELEASE

MP Margot unveils state-of-the art endovascular suite at Russells Hall Hospital

A state-of-the-art endovascular (EVAR) suite capable of performing advanced surgery for potentially fatal aortic aneurysms is being officially unveiled at Russells Hall Hospital by Stourbridge MP Margot James.

The £1.5m combined angiography and operating theatre suite features a Siemens Artis Zee ceiling mounted system that offers vascular surgeons high speed, high resolution 3D images of blood vessels and gives patients lower doses of radiation.

The suite is also fully integrated with the hospital's radiology display system which allows doctors to import cross sectional images into the intervention suite while they are operating on patients.

"The new EVAR suite is a massive help in the advanced treatment of serious vascular conditions, such as Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA) which affects the main blood vessel in the abdomen," said Paula Clark, Chief Executive of The Dudley Group.

The new technology is also much safer for patients: doctors can diagnose bleeds that can occur from a wide range of causes such as ulcers, tumours and fibroids.

It can also detect small leaks during and after endovascular aneurysm repair which helps reduce complications still further.

"We are delighted that Margot James is officially opening our new endovascular facilities," added Paula, "especially as we are the host screening centre for AAA screening for men across the Black Country in their 65th year.

"As we have won the bid to be the specialist centre for vascular surgery across Dudley, Walsall and Wolverhampton, the EVAR suite is a very important facility to provide treatment and surgery for people diagnosed with abdominal aortic aneurysms and other arterial circulation problems."

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Notes to Editor

- Photo call of Margot James, MP officially unveiling the EVAR suite is taking place at 11.30am at Russells Hall Hospital on Friday, 9th March 2012.
- If you wish to come along, please contact Jackie Dietrich, Communications and Engagement officer for The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust, on (01384) 456111 extension 1419.