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Press Release

Lions Clubs in the British Isles pledge support in partnership with St.Dunstan's for their new Rehabilitation and Training Centre being prepared at Llandudno

St.Dunstan's currently provides lifelong support to nearly 3000 St.Dunstaners at their two Centres near Brighton and Sheffield. Both of these have come under increasing pressure to respond to increasing demand with a further 650 expected in 2010/11, arising from current military conflicts around the world and the increasing number of ex-Servicemen.

The recently purchased North Wales Medical Centre is currently being refurbished to provide a 30 bedroom unit offering world class, recovery, rehabilitation, training and respite facilities, together with a gym, workshop and other facilities by the autumn of 2011.

Lions Clubs across the British Isles and Ireland will be raising funds including organising a range of special local events to provide funding initially for one of two Day Rooms in the new Centre, but with their sight set on the second Day Room.

Work has already started on the £11.9 million project, including the provision of 10 high dependency nursing beds, which are not available in the main building. These are essential to ensure the necessary support for ex-Service men and women with damaged sight, regardless of other injuries.

The Project was recently launched at a special Dinner at Buckingham Palace, hosted by HRH The Princess Royal, and attended by His Majesty King Constantine and Her Majesty Queen Anne-Marie of the Hellenes, Lion Jacquie Prebble, the Lions Clubs Chair of Council, Lions District Governor Tony Gadsby, General Sir Richard Dannatt, a Patron of St.Dunstans, Dame Mary Perkins co-founder of Specsavers, John Farmer, President of the British Legion and Robert Leader, Chief Executive Officer of St.Dunstans, and others.