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## Children's hospice gets go-ahead

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## Nurse to care for families

A NATIONAL charity is helping a children's hospice service by funding a palliative care nurse.

The Boparan Charitable Trust helps children with disabilities, life-limiting conditions or in extreme poverty.

It will help Noah's Ark children's hospice, based in High Barnet, by paying for paediatric nurse Emma Pleass to work with them for 12 months.

Noah's Ark will now be able to provide specialist care for twice as many families.

Ms Pleass, who has been working for Great Ormond Street for 20 years,

said: "Having volunteered previously at Noah's Ark, I was convinced it was the right move."



Emma Pleass (right) will start working as a palliative nurse for Noah's Ark

# GPs in call for cash

By Rhys Handley

BARNET is set to get three times less extra money than other London boroughs for a new seven-day GP service, despite being the largest in London.

General practitioner doctors' services are set to remain open seven days a week under a new NHS initiative set to roll out in April.

However, it has been revealed Barnet is set to gain only £1.90 in extra funding per person, while Enfield receives £5.42, Haringey gets £4.75 and Camden gets £3.78.

Islington will be set to receive £5.84 extra funding per person, which is three times more than Barnet.

Barnet NHS Needs You is a new campaign calling on Barnet NHS Clinical Commissioning Group

(CCG) to ask the public if they actually want seven-day a week opening for GPs before spending the money.

The campaign is asking why the funding for longer opening has not been shared out equally across London boroughs.

Extended hours are due to start in April but no contracts for the service are set up.

East Finchley GP Dr Claire

Mitchell said: "GPs are already delivering 24 hour, seven days a week care despite severe shortages.

"Forcing practices to open longer may well reduce availability of GPs at times of peak demand during the week, when most patients actually want to be seen.

"The crisis in the NHS extends well beyond primary care.

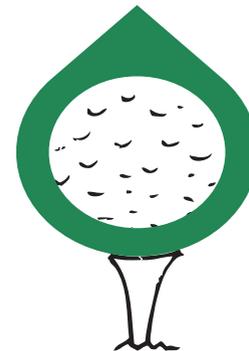
"Altering GP opening hours will

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