

80 new jobs created by £5million North Belfast development

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Ulster Bank supports important Healthcare Ireland investment on Crumlin Road.

A £5million Ulster Bank-supported investment in an interface area of North Belfast is set to create around 80 new jobs.

The 82-bed care home on the Crumlin Road, which is due to open in July, is being developed by Healthcare Ireland, with the support of Ulster Bank.

Gilbert Yates, Managing Director of Healthcare Ireland, which will also operate the new home, says that it will provide high quality living facilities for residents.

"There is a distinct shortage of quality, purpose-built nursing homes in Northern Ireland, and we are proud to be providing facilities that far exceed the requirements, including the very latest technology and individual care plans for residents. We have also put in place a management team who have vast experience within the sector, headed up by Mandy Mitchell, our newly-appointed operations director," he says.

"These are exciting times for Healthcare Ireland, as we plan to develop a further 12 nursing homes across Northern Ireland in the next four years."

"We have worked closely with Ulster Bank to invest in a wide range of healthcare development schemes in greater Belfast during recent years, of which this is the latest, creating hundreds of jobs through the construction phase and stimulating regeneration in an area of social need," Mr Yates adds.

Andy Mills, Regional Director, Business Banking, Ulster Bank, says:

"Ulster Bank has £1.5billion to lend to businesses this year and we are keen to support entrepreneurs like Gilbert in making investments that create jobs and support local communities. This is clearly an important development for the local area, both economically and socially, and we are pleased to have been able to play our part".

The team behind Healthcare Ireland has extensive experience in the healthcare sector, and is both developing and operating the new home at 420 Crumlin Road, Belfast.

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