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News Release

Local Hospital opens new Coronary Care Unit

The refurbished and relocated Coronary Care Unit at the James Paget University Hospital has just been officially opened by two very special people closely associated with the unit in recognition of their outstanding contribution and commitment to acute cardiac services, Dr Wolf Grabau and Mr Jack Aguss.

Julie Wash, Cardiac Nurse Specialist said: 'Dr Wolf Grabau, Consultant Physician, has been the Lead Consultant in Cardiology at the hospital for the last 30 years. He has been responsible for many developments and improvements in services for local cardiac patients. The opening of the unit also marked his retirement from the acute services at the Trust, although he will return to run some outpatient clinics.'

Julie continued: 'Mr Jack Aguss is a committee member of the local Heartcare Support Group. For the past 10 years he has given his time to visit the patients in the Coronary Care Unit and provides them with support and advice after experiencing heart problems. Our patients find talking to a fellow patient very beneficial and it really helps towards their recovery. We are tremendously grateful to Jack for the time he has given to the Unit.'

Julie finished by saying: 'The Coronary Care Unit has been relocated and fully upgraded with new heart monitoring equipment. It has a dedicated room for emergency treatment and procedures and also has the benefit of now being adjacent to the cardiac ward which has improved the flow of care for our patients. It's a brilliant new facility for the James Paget University Hospital.'

Notes for Editors:

Photos attached for you to use:

1. L to R: Mr Jack Aguss and Dr Wolf Grabau, Consultant Physician
2. L to R: Julie Wash, Cardiac Nurse Specialist, Mini Karunan, Staff Nurse and Sarah McClintock, Sister of the Coronary Care Unit.

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