

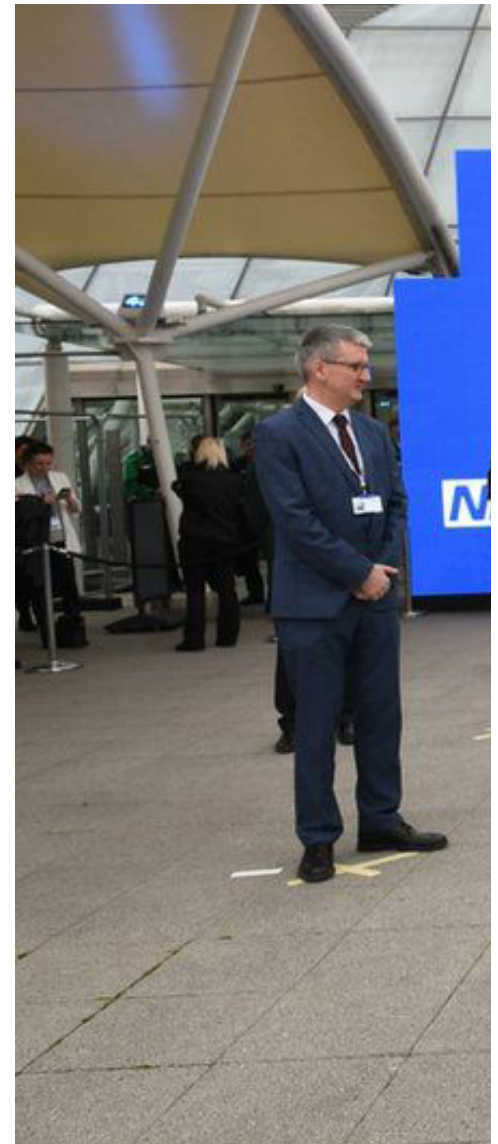
NIGHTINGALE HOSPITAL

NHS: Response to COVID-19

THE Prince of Wales, HRH Prince Charles formally opened (by video link) the new Nightingale Hospital on 23rd March 2020, a brand new facility converted in the ExCel Centre, in east London, for corona-virus patients.

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In anticipation of huge demand for treatment for the COVID-19 patients in London, the National Health Service (NHS) has opened one of the largest new hospitals in the ExCel Conference venue. The new facility named 'NHS Nightingale' will accommodate 4000 beds and was converted in record time of nine days.

On Friday, Prince Charles, who was diagnosed with Covid-19 on 23 March, formally opened the NHS Nightingale Hospital via a video link. It was the first time that a member of the Royal Family



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ther officials of England at the opening of the NHS Nightingale Hospital at the ExCel centre in London,

has performed an opening ceremony remotely. He said: "This hospital offers us an intensely practical message of hope for those who will need it most at this time of national suffering. Let us also pray, ladies and gentlemen, that it will be required for as short a time and for as few people as possible."

Most of the hospitals in London have been overflowing with Covid-19 patients victims as London took the brunt of the spread of infection and death toll. Referring to his diagnosis, Prince Charles, who self-isolated for seven days, said: "I was one of the lucky ones to have Covid-19 relatively mildly. I'm so glad to see the Secretary of State has also recovered. But, for some, it will be a much harder journey."

Prince Charles was reported to have experienced mild symptoms of Covid-19 last month and received NHS testing because, owing to his symptoms and age of 71, he fulfilled criteria set by the NHS in Aberdeenshire. This decision, however, prompted anger over the lack of coronavirus testing available for key workers. Praising the efforts, he commented, "He praised the efforts of workers in the NHS. "To convert one of the largest national conference centres into a field hospital, starting with 500 beds and with a potential of 4000, is, quite frankly, incredible."

The combined task forces which included the NHS, army and the private sector transformed the site in a very short time as more hospitals were planned for Birmingham, Manchester,

Harrogate, Bristol, Cardiff, Glasgow, and Belfast.

The University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust (UHB) took the lead for the Birmingham NHS Nightingale Hospital that will have a workforce of doctors, nurses, therapists and support staff. This will be the second to launch in the UK, following the opening of the London outpost at the ExCeL exhibition centre last month.

Dr David Rosser, the Chief Executive of UHB, Dr David Rosser said: "The extraordinary effort in creating the Nightingale Hospital Birmingham is a total team effort. Without this collective purpose we would not have been able to make the staggering preparations to deliver this facility.

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"MESSAGE"

The Rt Hon Matt Hancock MP
Secretary of State for Health and Social Care



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Britain stood still to observe minute's silence

on

28th April 2020 at 11am to pay tribute to NHS staff and key workers
who have died battling coronavirus pandemic



Tens of thousands of people across the UK have died with coronavirus, including more than 100 NHS staff and other healthcare workers. The Prime Minister and colleagues observed one minute silence in the Cabinet Office to pay tribute to those who lost their lives service the corona victims.



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