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# Opening of new £1.2m day surgery

THE new £1.265m Day Surgery Unit at Bronglais Hospital, Aberystwyth, was officially opened last week, and is expected to reduce the risk of patients having to endure an operation being cancelled.

Brian Thomas, head of corporate services of the Ceredigion and Mid Wales NHS Trust, said: "The Trust has performed well against national targets for day surgery, but it was acknowledged that further improvements could be made in both through-put and patient experience

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with a dedicated day surgery unit.

"Day surgery patients will now be seen via a unit and process that is specific to them.

"This reduces the risk of cancellation due to emergencies, and enables a theatre in the main suite to become available for emergencies during the day.

"Previously emergency patients may

have faced a delay in their surgery until a theatre was available, or an elective patient would have been cancelled to enable a theatre to be available.

"The addition of a fourth theatre will also enable the Trust to achieve its waiting list target of eight months for 2006."

The total cost of the scheme was £1,265,000, which was funded by the Welsh Assembly Government. It is one of a number of major developments planned for the

Bronglais site in the next two years.

The construction of the new facility was undertaken jointly by Ceredigion company T O Jones Ltd and specialist modular unit contractors MTX Contracts Ltd.

The unit was formally opened by Elin Jones AM, in the presence of Mark Williams MP, chairman of the Trust Anita Rogers, chief executive Allison Williams, senior surgeon John Edwards and Ceredigion County Council chairman Ivor Williams.