The innovative Strathbrock Partnership Centre is being hailed as one of the first of its kind in Scotland, offering a wide range of services for local people:

- A council information services centre - providing access to all council services
- Local housing and social work offices, accessed through the CIS centre
- A community education centre - offering a playgroup, youth facilities and adult education
- Five GP surgeries
- Community nursing facilities
- A mental health day centre
- A pharmacy
- A cafe (which also provides jobs and training for people with special needs)
- A carers' centre - offering support and information to carers.

The new centre - a mix of new buildings linked onto the former Our Lady's High School in Broxburn - builds on from the success of West Lothian's first public partnership centre, West Lothian Connected in Livingston. The new centre will be officially opened in December.

Council Leader Graeme Morrice said: "The information day was a huge success and the feedback from customers so far has been very positive. "The centre allows people to access a range of services in one place. For instance, someone off sick could visit the doctor, pick up their prescription and ask about rent or council tax rebates in the CIS centre."

The Broxburn/Uphall town bus service will be rerouted to drop off and pick up passengers at the new centre, which will also be of great benefit to the community.

The project was awarded £2.7 million from the Scottish Executive's Challenge Fund. The GPs Funding Corporation, West Lothian Healthcare NHS Trust and West Lothian Council also made significant contributions towards construction costs.

The new centre is viewed as a flagship project in the Government's drive for closer integration of local healthcare and social services and the modernising of community care.

Further information is now also available online: www.westlothian.gov.uk/strathbrock
It's great to have everything roofed over

Public welcome new partnership centre

West Lothian Council Services on offer: As part of the Council Information Services Centre the CIS is located at the Strathbrock Partnership Centre. If you are new to the area and would like information about council services or want to visit the centre you can contact the CIS in the first instance. It's just beyond the main doors.

At the CIS you can pay your rent or council tax, ask about window or other support services, request special large-format catalogues, report problems with roads and lighting and request housing repairs. The CIS centre at Strathbrock is also a registration office - allowing you to register births, deaths and marriages in up-to-date fashion, covering Broxburn and Uplaw.

Where: Enter from the main entrance to the community building. The CIS centre is just beyond the main doors.

Opening hours: 8am to 5pm Monday to Friday and 9am to 1pm on Saturdays.

Where: Entering through the second entrance, at the West end of the building.

Opening hours: 9am to 10pm Monday to Friday and 9am to 1pm on Saturdays.

Opening times: Monday to Friday and from 8.40am to 12.20pm on a Saturday.

Questions: Call the council's customer service centre on (01506 771 824) or e-mail enquiries@westlothian.gov.uk

Website: www.westlothian.gov.uk

Community Centre Services on offer: A wide range of social and educational activities take place in Strathbrock's community centre. There's a ranging children's program on offer all year round, while in the winter months there are also a variety of activities for adults, including craft workshops, classes and courses. The centre is managed by a voluntary management committee and is open to all - making sure that nobody who wants to use the centre is turned away. Information is available about other services in the local area.

Where: Enter through the second entrance, at the West end of the building.

Opening hours: Opening three times a week Monday to Friday and from 8.40am to 1pm on Saturdays.

Questions: Any community groups wishing to use the centre should contact the organisation on 01506 271293.

Website: www.strathbrock.org.uk

Mental Health Resource Centre Services on offer: A mental health resource centre - including “drop services” at Broxburn Hospital Village - has been set up at Strathbrock. The centre will provide a range of services to answer, treat and support people experiencing mental health problems. Help is available five days a week, for people aged 11 or over. People attending the centre can access a range of services to help them – from arts and crafts and sport to lenscare groups and anxiety management techniques. Health visitors, district nurses and social workers will also staff the new centre.

Where: The Mental Health Resource Centre is based in the community wing of the centre. Enter by the second entrance - the farthest away from the main doors.

Opening times: open 9.30am to 3.30pm Monday to Friday excluding public holidays.

Questions: For more information about services on offer, contact: 01506 771 700 or e-mail info@westlothian.gov.uk

Website: www.carewestlothian.co.uk

Doctors & community health services Services on offer: Three GP practices have moved to the new centre. Dr J. S. Lane and Partners, Dr N. Wood and Partners and the Ferguson Medical Practice. Each have GPs run the usual doctor's surgery as well as a range of clinics. Ask for practice literature to find out what's available. The Council Information Services Centre at Strathbrock has also set up a health information service based at Strathbrock Health Centre. Patients can now access a wide range of information and support services, check the availability of medication and view the service offering.

Where: Enter through the main entrance. To the left of the Council Information Services base, just beyond the main doors, is the reception to the GP practices.

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Cafes - Cafe Mistura Services on offer: The cafe, company of charity Capability Scotland - is open to both members of the public and staff working in the centre. It offers more than 50 speciality coffees, teas and soft drinks as well as sandwiches, snacks, cakes and ice cream. As well as the staff, there's an up-to-date business with special requests and the cafe is working hands-on, providing a great quality of service to the clients of the centre.

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Graeme Pharmacy Services on offer: As well as providing prescriptions and over-the-counter remedies, the pharmacy offers advice and information to patients. It also offers a prescription delivery service to the area.

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‘My doctor is transferring here, and there’s lots of other services too. You can basically do everything here’

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How to get to the new centre

**By bus:** Horsburgh’s 237 and HAD’s 464 services are earmarked to visit the centre. First numbers 11, 12 and 16, and Horsburgh numbers 274 and 457 pass nearby.

**By foot/car:** The centre is located off Power Station Road. From the East go through the centre of Broxburn. Cross the road bridge over the Union Canal (just before the police station (and Buchan Road on the right)) in Power Station Road on the left. The centre has limited parking for staff and visitors.

**By bike:** Follow the directions above. Cycle racks are located in front of the main entrance to the centre.