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**REGENT'S PARK HEART CLINICS LTD. ANNOUNCES THE SUCCESSFUL
COMPLETION OF CARDIAC CATHETERISATION SERVICES AT WORTHING HOSPITAL**

LONDON, United Kingdom, 09 August 2004: Regent's Park Heart Clinics Ltd. (Regent's Park), an independent healthcare company specialising in the diagnosis and treatment of heart disease, today announced it has successfully completed a contract to provide cardiac catheterisation services at Worthing Hospital, a 500-bed NHS hospital located on the south coast of England.

Dr. Signy, Consultant Cardiologist at Worthing Hospital said "Regent's Park have provided a terrific service to our Trust over the last 15 months and we will miss them. Our experience of Regent's Park was exactly what a public private partnership should be all about. Their personable approach, talented staff and professionally managed service was truly refreshing. The catheter lab they provided came from the United States and it was much larger than previous mobiles we had seen. And whilst size isn't everything, the extra space provided more storage, better patient workflows and a more pleasant working environment, and we therefore achieved a similar working pattern and workload to that envisaged in our new fixed lab." Stephen Clarke, Business Manager for Medicine, at Worthing Hospital said: "Regent's Park provided a reliable and extremely cost-effective solution which I believe was due in part to their low overhead structure as well as their understanding of both the clinical and business aspects of providing a managed cardiology service. Their interim managed service was designed to allow the Trust to ramp-up its internal capabilities in preparation for our own two million pound fixed cardiac laboratory, which opened successfully on 2nd July 2004."

Rebecca Joyce, Catheter Lab Sister at Worthing Hospital commented: "Regent's Park were a great company to work with. There was a huge willingness of their staff to work alongside my own. The staff they provide were all very experienced and from major cardiac centers such as Southampton and Brighton. They provided free training for our staff, covered annual and study leave and there were never any staff shortages."

Dr. Ohri, Chief Executive of Regent's Park, said, "It has been a privilege to work alongside the committed and highly skilled cardiologists and staff at Worthing Hospital. There had been a tremendous spirit of partnership which as an organisation we strive to replicate across all our service operations. Our Company provided a combination of managed services at Worthing over a period of 15 months. A visiting mobile service for the first 10 months, changing to a modular (fixed-site) service over the last 5 months. I believe the numbers which speak for themselves are a testament to the hard work of all the staff: 879 diagnostic angiograms with 96.4% service uptime and an impressive reduction in day case waiting times from over 12 months to around 5 months".

Dr. Ohri added, "We strive to work with the NHS, cardiologists and local communities to develop managed cardiology services that reduce patient waiting times in a safe, high quality and cost-effective

environment. I am pleased the service has proved so successful and I wish everyone at Worthing an equal amount of success with their new catheterisation service."

Regent's Park is an independent company dedicated to creating world-class centres for the diagnosis and treatment of heart disease. The company develops, owns and operates diagnostic and treatment facilities focusing exclusively on cardiovascular disease in partnership with leading hospitals and groups of cardiologists across the United Kingdom. Regent's Park has been a national provider of cardiology services to the NHS since 2003, and has provided invasive cardiology procedures to over 2,500 patients through its facilities - coronary angiograms, coronary angioplasty, cardiac electrophysiology, defibrillator and pacing procedures. Regent's Park prides itself on its ability to deliver high quality, cost effective cardiac care, through excellent service, efficient operations management, well trained staff, and uncompromising professionalism.

The Regent's Park guiding philosophy is that every patient with heart disease should have access to healthcare of a world-class standard.