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## **New Papatoetoe clinic opens with community health day**

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East Tamaki Healthcare patients living in Papatoetoe and surrounds now have access to their GP closer to home.

The Kolmar Rd clinic began operation in March 2015, but will be officially opened this Saturday 16 May coinciding with a community health day for women.

The practice, co-located with pharmacy and dentist clinic, will be opened by National MP Kanwaljit Singh Bakshi at 9am. Media are invited to attend.

From 10am at 133 Kolmar Rd, as part of a community health day women will be encouraged to have their cervical smear – all eligible women (aged 20–70) will receive a $10 gift voucher.

The Kolmar Rd clinic is a satellite practice to the Bairds Rd practice and any enrolled East Tamaki Healthcare patient can attend the clinic and pay the same low fees: no charge for under-18s and $10 for all adult consultations.

East Tamaki Healthcare director Ranjna Patel says the new clinic was established in response to patient demand.

“We have a lot of patients from the area that are registered with us already and this lets them access a medical service more convenient to their homes and community shops,” Mrs Patel says.

Despite operating in South Auckland for 38 years, this is the first clinic East Tamaki Healthcare has opened in Papatoetoe – further increasing GP access throughout the area.

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