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Maggie's Cancer Caring Centre, Cheltenham opens.

The Duchess of Cornwall, President of Maggie's Cancer Caring Centres, opened Maggie's Cheltenham on Tuesday 19th October.

The stunning new centre is designed by MJP Architects and is surrounded by a garden created by Dr Christine Facer Hoffman, whose landscaping is often inspired by her previous career as an immunobiologist.

Maggie's Cheltenham is the seventh Maggie's Centre, following on from five centres in Scotland and one in London. Located at Cheltenham General Hospital, Maggie's Cheltenham will complement the treatment on offer at the hospital, offering an evidence based programme of support to help people through the emotional and practical complexities of a cancer diagnosis.

Maggie's Centres are the vision of the designer and landscape architect Maggie Keswick Jencks which resulted from her own experience of cancer. She had a vision of beautiful buildings, located on hospital grounds, staffed by cancer professionals, where people could drop in at any time for the support and inspiration to not only cope with cancer, but to live their lives to the full. Maggie died in 1995, one year before the opening of the inaugural Maggie's Edinburgh. Maggie's has since pioneered a remarkable building design movement, bringing the contemplative architecture of cancer caring centres to hospital sites.

Sir Richard MacCormac, chairman of MJP Architects, said: "Maggie Keswick Jencks was a friend and it has been an honour to be part of her legacy. We designed this centre very much with Maggie in mind. It is a unique facility, which I'm sure will be well used and appreciated by everybody affected by cancer in the local area. We hope our project supports the ambience of Maggie's Centres and offers a refuge from institutional surroundings; a space that is inviting, domestic and refreshing, and can be both sociable and private."

Maggie's Cheltenham Team : MJP Architects / Day Building Ltd (Contractors) / Price & Myers (Structural Engineers) / KJ Tait (M&E Engineers) / Turner & Townsend (QS) / Facerhoffman Landscape Design

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