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A new super-sized dental centre is due to open in Folkestone this summer, combining NHS and private services with training facilities.

The amalgamated surgery, laboratory and training centre will be in a building on the edge of the Bouverie Place development.

Due to open in May 2008 the three-floor dental development will cost in the region of £3.5 million.

CareCapital, which specialises in developing medical surgeries is taking charge of the 1,161 square metre building and fitting it out.

The surgery will be able to accommodate 12 dentists, three hygienists and two orthodontists in 14 dental suites.

Based on a Scandinavian model, the centre is thought to be the first of its kind in Britain.

Paul Stacey, chief executive of CareCapital said "It is an exciting project and very inventive.

"It is the first time this type of facility has been created outside the dental schools

"It is the first time someone has pulled together a provision for these facilities all in the same place."

The surgery is hoping to provide a combination of NHS and private care. CareCapital has said the

dentists who will be working in the building after it has been opened already have NHS contracts.

Mr Stacey said: "This is a big thing for the town.

"We are extremely pleased to be the developer and owner of this innovative project, providing advanced dental facilities for both NHS and private patients."

CareCapital, which is currently building surgeries in Britain and Germany, announced the acquisition of the Bouverie Place structure to the stock market earlier this month.

The company will own and maintain the property and has leased it to Phoenix Dental Management Ltd on a 21 year lease.