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NEW PRIMARY CARE REHABILITATION FACILITY (PCRF) OPENED **BY BRIG N YOUNG, DIRECTOR BFG HEALTH SERVICE**

The new Rhine Garrison PCRF was officially opened by Director BFG Health Service, Brigadier N Young on 16 Sep 10.

As part of the Garrison drawdown, Wegberg Military Complex is in the process of closing prior to being handed back to the German authorities. As a result, all clinical services previously located in Wegberg have now moved to the Rhine Military Complex or Javelin Barracks, Elmpt Station.

Following a period of refurbishment, the PCRF is now up and running in its new premises. Located at the rear of the Station gymnasium in Javelin Barracks, the new PCRF accommodates a small reception and waiting area, as well as treatment areas for three physiotherapists and an Exercise Remedial Instructor (ERI). Being located within the gymnasium complex offers a couple of unique advantages. Patient and therapists have direct access to state of the art equipment and facilities, and the rehabilitation staff are able to work closely with patients carrying out prescribed exercise programmes and with Unit Rehabilitation Platoons.

Major P Gaal, SO2 Rehab said: "The highest standard of care is a priority for British Forces Germany Health Service and the new facility in Javelin Barracks will ensure that we continue to provide excellent rehabilitation treatment for soldiers and families in Rhine Garrison. Having the PCRF located alongside the Garrison's Operational Units will no doubt mean more effective delivery of primary care physiotherapy for the soldiers who need it, which will speed their return to optimal operational fitness. Others in the community will also benefit from this new facility."

Military and civilian patients can continue to self-refer in the normal way by dialling PCRF Elmpt reception on (Tel Mil) 68 2388 or (Tel Civ) 02163 972388 between 09.00 and 15.00 hrs Monday to Friday. Patients needing transport to the PCRF should contact the Medical centre.