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medical facilities. It brought together architects, council planners and providers such as The London Clinic Cancer Centre, which maximised space by housing services deep underground.

Westminster City Council planner Robert Ayton said: 'The area has major historic heritage assets, but there are ways we can meet the demands of the medical businesses and we always try hard to negotiate a satisfactory solution to the schemes that are presented to us.'

Julian Seward, of Swanke Hayden Connell Architects, said: 'Harley Street has a fantastic brand and we can provide modern services in these buildings. It can take some surgery at times, but we can do it.'

Volunteers needed for free clinics

A private GP has appealed for other volunteer doctors to work for Project:London, a free clinic based in Bethnal Green.

Dr Reval Sukkhu said: 'I always wondered what happens to all those patients in London who live on the fringe of society who, for some reason, cannot gain access to healthcare or have their requests for registration with GPs turned down. Working as a volunteer has sadly brought me into contact with many such people.'

The clinic, run by Doctors of the World UK (Médecins du Monde), helps people until they can register with mainstream services. See www.doctorsoftheworld.org.uk.



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director (in red), and Jenny Liggitt, named by some of Syon Clinic's consultants

BMI also wants to work with consultants to develop new opportunities at a private hospital to be built on the Kingston Hospital site in north Surrey by 2012. It will meanwhile continue

The Syon Clinic is in a converted Art Deco factory in Hounslow

operating the trust's 22-bed private patients unit there.

A spokesman said the new build would ensure consultants had facilities to develop and grow their private practice. Specialties include orthopaedics, general surgery, obstetrics and gynaecology, urology, plastic and cosmetic surgery, and general medicine.