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Hospital takes on new name

CLASSIC Hospital Elland has been renamed after being bought by Spire Healthcare earlier this year.

The site in Elland Lane has been renamed Spire Elland Hospital. New signs have been

put up at the front of the independent hospital which has been treating patients for 23 years.

Chris Harrison, hospital director, said: "It is a great opportunity to develop the business

and offer more services to more people."

Although the hospital mainly looks after private patients, NHS patients can also be treated at Elland through GP referral, under the Govern-

ment's Choose and Book scheme.

Mr Harrison said: "Although the name on the door has changed, our commitment to deliver excellent service and clinical expertise has not."

Takeover is set to bring jobs boost

A TRAFFIC survey company has taken over a computer business as part of major expansion plans.

Sky High Technology Ltd, of Tadcaster, has bought Halifax Computer Services Ltd, Harrison Road.

The move has helped secure the future of the Halifax business.

Mark Mattison, of Sky High, said: "It has brought security to Halifax Computer Services."

"We have had a very positive reaction from staff."

Mr Mattison said his business, which collects traffic and transport data, was faring better in the credit crunch climate because local authorities make up a bulk of their customers.

For example, if a supermarket wanted to expand its store, the volume of traffic at the site would need to be assessed before any necessary road work was designed.

Mr Mattison said: "Data is always needed."

"People are spending hundreds of millions of pounds on projects like new roads and railways."

"They need data to base their decisions on."

Sky High is merging its data collection expertise with HCS's specialism in manual data processing.

The new company is called Sky High Data Capture.

Mr Mattison said more jobs could now be created as part of the firm's plans to expand.

It could mean a 50 per cent increase in staff at the Halifax site - which at the moment employs 15 people.

Since the takeover the com-



Welcome: Kevin Stewart, left, and Mark Mattison, of Sky High

pany has won a contract worth a quarter of a million pounds to do a study for a northern police authority.

Sky High was established 18 years ago and expects a turnover in excess of £4.5 million at the end of this financial year.

It bought the Halifax firm for £194,000.

It employs more than 50 workers and enjoys a global presence.

Kevin Stewart, founding managing director of HCS, said: "We feel HCS will be in good hands as Sky High is a strong company, with some very good clients and has shown it can deliver high levels of customer service."

Mr Stewart remains managing director, while Mr Mattison is chief executive of the new company.

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