

Edinburgh hotel to open for students during exams

A HOTEL owned by the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh (RCSEd) has been given the green light to host surgical students sitting a variety of exams weeks ahead of hospitality formally reopening.

Ten Hill Place Hotel had to effectively demonstrate its stringent protocols to senior health figures, allowing it to welcome around 100 exam-sitting surgeons at various stages of training throughout April, starting next Monday.

The Old Town-based hotel, which is also the city's largest independent hotel, is run by [Surgeons Quarter](#) on behalf of the historic institution. At the outset of the pandemic it hosted and catered for more than 500 clinical and frontline workers, free of charge.

Bosses hope that it will provide reassurance to visiting guests ahead of the proposed April 26 reopening of the sector to the wider public.

Scott Mitchell, Managing Director at Surgeons Quarter, said: "First we had one of the top health officials in the country verify our procedures to enable us to host the next wave of surgical talent.

"Now we will have 100 unwavering critics ensuring that every aspect of their stay is as safe as possible, without losing that feeling of warm Scottish hospitality.

“What this means, we sincerely hope, is that come April 26 onwards those wishing to visit Edinburgh will see that our team and hotel is ideally placed to ensure they can enjoy a safe and stress-free break.”

While also following official advice, measures include the use of QR codes for collecting diners’ contact details, hand sanitiser stations around the hotel, and an innovative key card oven for hands-free cleaning. The sanitising oven uses ultraviolet technology to stop the risk of cross contamination from key cards being passed to different guests.



Scott Mitchell, Managing Director at Surgeons Quarter
Behind the scenes, Ten Hill Place has undertaken risk assessments of all areas, and all staff have undergone rigorous training modules on health and safety.

Scott added: “We are uniquely placed here at Surgeons Quarter that we have access to the experience of the membership of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh.

“We can draw on clinical and medical input to enhance everything that we are doing in these times.

Of course, we follow all Government advice and industry protocols but we further benefit from the experience of surgeons, clinicians and dentists. If they feel we are doing everything we can, I see this as a great endorsement for all guests to feel comfortable within Ten Hill Place”.

Ten Hill Place remained open from March to May 2020 in order to provide 2,137 free nights of accommodation and thousands of meals to frontline NHS workers during the Coronavirus pandemic – at a cost of more than £100,000 to the charitable organisation.

Ten Hill Place is run by Surgeons Quarter, the commercial arm of The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh (RCSEd). Surgeons Quarter promotes, sells and manages all commercial activities held within the RCSEd campus.

All profits support the charitable aims of the College which are education, assessment and advancement in surgical standards worldwide.

Bookings for Ten Hill Place can be made at www.tenhillplace.com, by calling 0131 662 2080 or by emailing reservations@tenhillplace.com.

