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Cash boost helps give rehab centre much needed new look

A successful Port Talbot addiction rehab centre has received a much needed makeover. The Emroch House home of West Glamorgan Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (WGCADA), in Talbot Road has now become a more pleasant setting for clients following a £470,000 redevelopment.

The funding has enabled the centre to move its main operations from its site in Commercial Road, Taibach, which will now be redeveloped into an alcohol and substance misuse centre.

The move was made possible by £200,000 from the Assembly's substance misuse fund and a grant of £270,000 from the Big Lottery Fund.

The Talbot Road treatment centre now houses facilities including eight new counselling rooms, a group work room, a service for young people and a cookery room for basic life skills classes.

The Commercial Road centre will now be converted to provide two flats for clients who have come through the treatment and want to live in an environment free of drugs and alcohol.

WGCADA Chief Executive Norman Preddy said "we have always had a nice clean place to operate from and have gained a reputation for that. This investment will certainly help us keep that reputation."

He added that the new facilities would have a positive impact on service users.

"They will see a nice new building and will react to that" he said.