

## **Spain - 1.6 million Government Investment in Three Health Centres for Canary Islands**

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The government remains committed to contributing to the construction in 2010 of three socio-medical facilities in the Canary Islands, with an investment of 1.6 million euro. This has been assured by the Minister of Health and Social Policy, Trinidad Jimenez, during his visit to Gran Canaria, which highlighted the partnership between the central government and the Canary Islands to carry out this objective.

Jimenez recently visited two of the social health centres in the Canary Islands, "El Pino" and 'Centro para discapacitados psíquicos Reina Sofía' (El Lasso) which care for mentally handicapped patients and the elderly and disabled. Jimenez stressed that these health centres not only improve patient care but also generate local jobs. The two centres previously mentioned have so far generated 362 jobs.

Jimenez has announced that in Lanzarote a social care centre for people suffering from Alzheimer's will be constructed and in Fuerteventura, the Ministry of Health and Social Policy will participate in the construction and equipping of a residence and occupational centre for the disabled. In addition, Santa Cruz de Tenerife will continue with the construction of a social-health centre.

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