



# Community Health Partnerships

Focus on Clay Lane Health Centre, Coventry

## Summary

- ❖ Demonstrates flexibility of LIFT estate to meet clinical needs.
- ❖ Brings lifesaving dialysis treatment closer to home for patients in Coventry.
- ❖ Partners worked together with the LIFTCo and CHP to reconfigure the space to accommodate specialist renal services.
- ❖ The new unit has 12 dialysis stations and around 47 patients each week are taking advantage of the state-of-the-art facility.

## Overview

Clay Lane Health Centre is a modern health facility built in 2013 as part of the NHS Local Improvement Finance Trust (LIFT) public private partnership programme. One of the requirements of the design brief was to build flexibility to accommodate future service change in the NHS.

## The challenge

This development was in response to the growing number of people requiring dialysis; University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust (UHCW) saw an 8% increase in patients requiring treatment during 2016-17 and as a direct result of listening to patient feedback and insight a renal unit was developed.

Several services originally identified as part of the scheme had not subsequently been commissioned and the cost to the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) of void areas within the building was £97,000 per annum.



## The solution

Arden Estates Partnerships, the local LIFT Company, discussed this with UHCW; this led to the CCG and NHS England asking the LIFT company and CHP, as head tenant, to accommodate specialist renal services in the health centre.

University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust secured £1.8million capital funding and CHP invested £400,000 of its own capital funds to enable works to reconfigure the space and enable the creation of a renal dialysis unit.

It opened 12 months ago, has 12 dialysis stations and around 47 patients in Coventry each week are taking advantage of the state-of-the-art unit.

Patients now no longer have to travel to Warwickshire for dialysis care.

## Benefits

The Development enabled NHS Coventry and Rugby CCG to realise significant benefits including reducing the cost of property, providing quality estate out of which to deliver services, maximising the use of space where there had been voids, improving patient care and outcomes, and avoiding investing capital for a new development by utilising existing estate.

## Feedback

*“The new renal unit based at Clay Lane is a great success. The building is well cared for, all shared areas are cleaned to a high standard. The regular tenants’ groups led by the tenant liaison officer have been useful to sort out any teething issues we may have had. The CHP helpdesk is easy to access and response times to any problems are quickly dealt with.”*

*Aimee Brough - Renal Unit Manager*

*“The new unit is very good. Having a city centre location is convenient for patients to get to and the unit environment is very friendly.”*

*Renal patient Nilesh Jogia, chair of Coventry Renal Forum.*