



Location	Havant, Hampshire
Project type	PPP (NHS LIFT)
Client	East Hampshire Primary Care Trust
Developer	Solent Community Solutions Limited
Start	February 2005
Opening	February 2006
Funder	Barclays Bank plc
Architects	David Hutchinson Partnership
Contractor	Bluestone plc
Facilities Management	MacLellan International
Estate Management	Community Solutions for Primary Care

Specially designed to relocate a wide range of services previously provided from eight different sites across the area into one purpose-built facility, the 2000 sq. m Oak Park Children's Services Centre, Havant, is part of a £9.3 million development that also includes the Rowner Health Centre in Gosport.

The key objective of bringing together a wide range of healthcare professionals within a single premise is to support and enhance the delivery of services to children with the most complex needs within East Hampshire. This will not only raise the level of patient care and experience but also consolidate and improve the expertise of the professionals treating the children.

Prof Chris Beasley, Chief Nursing Officer, Department of Health, said: "This is an excellent development and it makes so much sense to bring everything under one roof. It makes such a difference to the lives of families who need to come here. This sort of thing should be happening more around the country and Havant is among the first. This centre is such a warm, welcoming place and you can see from talking to staff and patients how happy they are with it."

The centre, which comprises Phase 1 of the development of a new community hospital for Havant, Emsworth and surrounding areas, on land that once housed a comprehensive school is part of a Public Private Partnership (PPP) agreement between Community Solutions for Primary Care (CSPC), Partnerships for Health (PfH), East Hampshire Primary Care Trust (PCT) and Fareham & Gosport PCT.

The 'LIFTCo' that was formed as a result of this agreement (Solent Community Solutions Limited) has entered into a 25 year Lease Plus Agreement with East Hampshire PCT for the facility

The centre will house the following services:

- Being an integral part of the Oak Park Community Hospital, thus allowing access to shared services and providing support to the hospital
- More opportunities for joint working between all services
- Space for group therapy, which previously did not exist
- Functioning as a specialist resource point, thus enabling children and families to develop a full understanding of the implications of their condition
- A facility sized for future growth
- Opportunities for collaborative working enhanced by the proximity of other therapists
- The close proximity of professionals, helping the use of joint records and a single assessment process

The centre acts as a base for about 100 staff. Of these, about one third will be permanently based there, with two thirds travelling out to provide healthcare to children in the community.

Solent Community Solutions Limited is responsible for the maintenance of external and internal fabric of the facility (Hard FM), with the tenant being responsible for internal cleaning etc (Soft FM).

Case Study

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