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### **Community Solutions for Primary Care (CSPC) Appointed Preferred Private Sector Partner**

Bury, Tameside and Glossop Primary Care Trusts announced this week (21st August 2006) that Community Solutions for Primary Care ("CSPC") would be their Preferred Private Sector Partner to take forward the multi-million pound re-development of their primary care premises, subject to achievement of formal financial close.

CSPC, a consortium which includes Morgan Sindall plc, Barclays European Infrastructure Fund, Barclays Bank plc, Bluestone plc and Integral, will work in partnership with the PCTs and other Contracting Authorities over the next 20-25 years to take forward a radical investment programme. This will culminate in the development of a significant number of new, state of the art health centres to deliver GP, other health care and social care services in to future decades.

LIFT is a special scheme set up by the Government to allow NHS Primary Care Trusts and their local partner organisations to enter into a public/private partnership to redevelop primary care premises and dramatically improve the quality of the buildings from which care is delivered to patients. The PCT's LIFT partner organisations are Bury Metropolitan Borough Council (MBC), Tameside MBC, Derbyshire County Council, North West Ambulance Services NHS Trust, Pennine Acute Hospitals NHS Trust, Pennine Care NHS Trust, Tameside & Glossop Acute Services NHS Trust, and Partnerships for Health Limited.

As part of their submissions CSPC were required to develop their design proposals for the first two Primary Care Resource Centres (PCRCs) at Radcliffe and Ashton. Both centres are due to open in Summer 2008 and will provide high quality, purpose built accommodation that supports the delivery of modern care models, enabling integrated provision of care closer to home.

Ian Tasker, CSPC Director said: "We, at Community Solutions for Primary Care, are delighted to have the opportunity to work with local partners to help reshape the provision of health and social care and contribute to the regeneration of the local area. We are confident that the facilities and services that will be provided will make a real impact on Bury, Tameside and Glossop."

Stephen Mills, Acting Chief Executive of Bury PCT said: "We chose CSPC because their proposals clearly demonstrated a sound and realistic understanding of modern health service needs. We are confident that together we will be able to deliver new and improved integrated health and social care services that will be of tremendous benefit to the community."

Cllr John Taylor, Executive Member for Personal and Community Services of Tameside Council said: "This is the start of a very exciting period for the improvement of health care and health care facilities in Tameside. Not only will we see new, up to date, facilities coming on stream over the next few years, but also very positive "spin-offs" in relation to more joined-up NHS and council services, and also regeneration and economic benefits emerging from the significant level of investment in the borough."