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Royton Health and Well-being Centre, Oldham LIFT



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Equity Solutions is the private sector partner in the Oldham LIFT (Local Improvement Finance Trust) company, Community 1st Oldham Limited.

The Oldham LIFT company is delivering the most significant investment in health and well-being facilities in Oldham in recent years, in partnership with NHS Oldham and Oldham Council.

Community 1st Oldham has been actively working with NHS Oldham and Oldham Council to bring together a number of facilities which bring health and leisure services under one roof and this new development will provide a one-stop facility for health and well-being for around 20,000 patients in a phased development.

Whilst all partners have an aspiration to deliver services jointly from integrated facilities, the reality however is that different strategic priorities and funding streams mean that it is not possible for the partners to meet the shared timescales for project delivery. Therefore, an innovative design solution which allows for a phased development was important to ensure that this much needed LIFT project was not delayed while one partner waits for the other partners' strategic priorities to catch up.

The rhetoric of integration is everywhere and is the vision for LIFT. However, LIFT has to be flexible to deal with these real-life issues. Being a long-term partner allows us to make development decisions based on the long-term objectives of the partnership.

The development of this centre will eventually be in two phases. Phase one will see the development of a state-of-the-art new primary care centre, replacing the existing health centre in Royton.

The £10m health centre has started construction and is situated in Royton town centre next to the current leisure centre. The centre will provide much needed services including: health information and services to support people to keep fit and well; a doctors' surgery; community nursing; and specialist primary care services such as therapies, dentistry and services traditionally found in a hospital.

The future second phase of the planned Royton Health and Well-being Centre is anticipated to follow a similar model as the LIFT centre recently opened in Chadderton and is likely to include a new swimming pool, larger and improved gym facilities, as well as multi-use activity/fitness studios. This is planned to integrate directly with the new health centre to create a single entrance point in a later phase.

The new centre will contribute to the overall regeneration master plan for Royton town centre. A new public realm area will be created as part of the phase one works and the local community were consulted on what they would like this to be. The release of the old health centre site, once the services are moved into the new facility, will also offer a redevelopment opportunity within a key site in Royton district centre.



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