

## News

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### Burton Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust appoint Community Solutions as Strategic Partner



Burton Upon Trent, July 21, 2015: Burton Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust has appointed Health Innovation Partners Ltd. - a joint venture between EC Harris, which is part of Arcadis in the UK, and the Morgan Sindall Investments health subsidiary, Community Solutions Partnership Services Limited (CSPS) - as its preferred Strategic Infrastructure and Efficiency Partner (SIEP) to deliver significant efficiency savings and infrastructure projects over the next ten years.

The partnership, which enables Burton Hospitals to draw on private sector expertise, is under the terms of a Joint Venture agreement (JV), and will be known as Strategic Transformation Real Innovation and Delivery Excellence Ltd. (STRIDE). The JV will be driven by the development of a strategy that will support transformation as part of the Trust's five year plan, and drive efficiency in the Trust's day-to-day operations. STRIDE will also create a partnership business plan to cover the proposed need and phasing of service and infrastructure transformation of the Trust's estate, and will provide consultancy support with a focus on achieving efficiencies. Health Innovation Partners will provide access to, arrange and deliver private sector capital where required to finance new projects, which may involve capital and refurbishment works, disposal and/or acquisition of land and facilities to support NHS, related health and social care services; as well as commercial development opportunities.

Helen Ashley, Chief Executive of Burton Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, said: "As the needs of our community evolve, it's important that we are proactive in ensuring that our patients continue to benefit from clinical services, premises and facilities that allow the very best care and outcomes. And of course we must diligently work to address our financial challenges, and contribute to the broader NHS savings goal by seeking innovative efficiency solutions. By working in partnership in this way, we can undertake a positive programme of change that will support transformation and drive tangible efficiencies across our Trust."

Speaking on behalf of Health Innovation Partners, Conor Ellis, Global Head of Health at EC Harris, said: "We have worked with the Trust in considering solutions to their short and longer term priorities, identifying sustainable operational efficiencies that combine to enhance current processes and improve the patient and staff environment.

"The development of the Strategic Estates Partnership initiative is an ideal vehicle for public bodies to develop a long term approach towards achieving an operating platform to deliver excellent customer, staff and commissioning outcomes, along with access to the best contemporary knowledge and delivery expertise in an economic, efficient and effective manner. We are now looking forward to working with both our JV colleagues and the Trust to deliver the best strategic estate partnership in England."

Lisa Scenna, managing director, Morgan Sindall Investments Limited., owner of Community Solutions, added: "The commercial close and establishment of our first SIEP marks an important step for us in continuing to build our business on the foundation of strategic relationships. We look forward to working with Burton Hospitals to establish this long term partnership with them in order to drive efficiencies and generate income for the Trust."

Notes to Editor:

#### About Community Solutions Partnership Services Limited (CSPS)

Community Solutions Partnership Services Limited is a subsidiary of Morgan Sindall Investments Limited (MSIL), which provides project development and funding solutions through a one-stop service, allowing our private and public sector partners to implement sustainable change in order to improve long-term prospects and well-being of local communities. It is part of Morgan Sindall Group plc, a leading UK construction and regeneration group with revenue of over £2 billion and which operates through five divisions of construction and infrastructure, fit out, affordable housing, urban regeneration and investments.

#### About EC Harris

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