



ENHANCED VALUE

Community Ventures Leeds



Step change: The joint venture with GPs promised improvements in primary and community care

With the advent of ‘world-class commissioning’ and the increasing need to empower GPs in both the commissioning and the provision of a broad range of core services, Community Ventures Leeds (Leeds LIFTCo) decided to form a joint venture with GPs.

The objective was to provide and maximise the potential to add value for public sector partners in Leeds (NHS Leeds and Leeds City Council).

Early discussions started in October 2007 with Leodis Care, a company set up by 104 GPs in 38 practices, which provides services to East and South Leeds, an area with a population of around 250,000 people.

Leodis Care had been created by the Leodis Practice-based Commissioning Consortium in 2006 as part of the primary care trust’s PBC strategy and development plans for the city.

Leodis Care and Community Ventures Leeds decided to form a new style of joint venture company to achieve a number of mutual business benefits.

The company would bring together the expertise of GPs — as commissioners and providers of primary and community care services — and the expertise of the LIFTCo in working with the broader public sector and its range of partnering services. This could support ambitions for service redesign and for modern healthcare facilities.

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The new type of joint venture company could deliver service and estate changes at a strategic



level that had previously been difficult to achieve because of competing priorities between GPs and practices.

Its purpose is to facilitate the significant changes in primary and community services through the integrated planning of clinical services and new, 21st-century facilities.

This strategic approach is underpinned by NHS Leeds and Leeds City Council’s policies on regeneration and sustainable communities.

This was an innovative joint venture solution encompassing GPs’ and clinical services. It is a vision for enhanced value across LIFT.

AWARD CRITERIA

Partnership working that has enhanced value to the public sector, in particular using innovative processes and structures to achieve effective multi-agency working.

SHORTLISTED

- Salford PCT and Salford City Council for Manchester, Salford and Trafford LIFTCo
- NHS Blackburn with Darwen for East Lancashire Building Partnerships