

# Case Study

## Fareham Community Hospital, Chemotherapy Suite



**Client:** Portsmouth Hospitals University NHS Trust / Community Health Partnerships

**LIFTCo:** Solent Estates Partnership

**Capex:** £147k

**Service Provided:** Project Management

**Project status:** Completed March 2022

**Timescales:** 8 week programme

**Fareham Community Hospital had struggled with low occupancy for some time, with footfall peaking at just 40 per cent capacity over the past decade. Now this high-quality LIFT facility has a new chemotherapy unit, which can accommodate 10 patients at a time with two registered nurses.**

Through the 8 week programme, which was project managed by gbpartnerships on behalf of local LIFT Company, Solent Estates Partnership, existing bookable space within the building was converted into a clinical space in order to meet the increasing demand for Chemotherapy services in the locality.

The project has transformed an infrequently used meeting room into a chemotherapy facility that accommodates 10 new chemotherapy chairs, providing up to 375 hours of treatment time per year, helping with growing demand and providing a better experience for patients.

*“We know that for those receiving chemotherapy, the treatment can be exhausting and draining. I am really pleased that PHU are opening this fully staffed unit at FCH with 10 chemotherapy chairs so that cancer patients will be able to receive their treatment here rather than make the tiring journey to QA or Southampton.”* Fareham MP, Suella Braverman



### Our Role:

- We helped unlock the potential of under used space at Fareham Community Hospital, identifying key areas for improvement and supplying estate and project management services to get the most out of existing resources, whilst never losing sight of the overarching objective of providing excellent patient care.
- Using data from CHP’s OccupEye sensors, we worked with the ICB and partners to identify how the existing space could be better used – taking a strategic approach to making the best use of estates space.
- Working with our FM partners, Mitie, who managed the design team we worked with the clinical teams to design a comfortable therapeutic space for patients and supporting utility space for staff.
- The works were planned to ensure that disruption to service users was minimised, with occupiers of adjacent spaces moved whilst works were undertaken and a focus on out of hours working where possible.



### Our Impact:

- The chemotherapy unit is enabling cancer patients to access vital services closer to home and in a primary care setting, rather than having to travel to the nearest acute hospital.
- The project has also been a catalyst for increased space utilisation within the Community Hospital, with a new renal unit now in the planning stages.



### Sustainability:

- Travel times have been reduced for local cancer patients who rely on friends and family to drive them in and drop them home, as the treatment can make them too sick to drive.
- The courtyard which the Chemotherapy Unit looks out onto, has been refurbished and planted with trees and shrubs to improve the space for patients whilst undergoing treatment.



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### Social Value

- In support of the Friends of Fareham Hospital, a donation of £2000 was given by Solent Estates Partnership towards the courtyard refurbishment project. (Pictured below)
- A donation was also made to the Friends of Fareham Community Hospital Memory Group to support the increased costs incurred by vacating the room for the Chemotherapy unit.



*Fareham MP Suella Braverman at the opening of the courtyard refurbishment. Lee Williams (CHP), Rachael Samain (gbp), The Worshipful Mayor of Fareham Councillor Mike Ford, Jill Sadler & Ann Ford (Friends of Fareham Hospital).*



*The new chemotherapy unit at Fareham Community Hospital*





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