

Case Study

Wood Green Shopping Mall, Community Diagnostic Centre



Client: Whittington Health NHS Trust

Host Partner: Capital and Regional / North Central London Integrated Care System

Timescales: Phase 1 live - July 2022; Phase 2 live – December 2023

Services Provided: Strategic and technical feasibility and design advisory services

The site for the CDC at Wood Green Shopping Mall was selected due to its highly accessible location and its ability to impact on public health outcomes and address health inequalities. Phase 1 opened in summer 2022, offering x-ray, ultrasound, ophthalmology and phlebotomy to local people in the heart of Haringey. Phase 2 opened in December 2023, completing the range of service with MRI and CT scanning.

Access to acute hospital and diagnostics facilities for some communities within the London Borough of Haringey is poor. Health outcomes for these communities are also poor, giving the Wood Green hub strategic importance in long term improvement of care for patients.

Providing diagnostic services close to the most deprived communities will speed up diagnosis and, if treatment is required, allow it to begin more quickly. This will save money for the system long term. Patients can be referred to the CDC by their GP or any local NHS provider. The success of CDCs therefore relies on a new patient pathway being fully activated across the local healthcare system.

“The Wood Green Community Diagnostic Centre brings health care to our high streets delivering innovative and compassionate care to communities in the heart of Haringey. The CDC provides an accessible, quick, patient-centric route to diagnostic testing, all of which are part of our mission to help local people live longer healthier lives.”

Jonathan Gardner, Chief Strategy Officer, Whittington Health NHS Foundation Trust



Activities undertaken by the gbp consult estates technical team:

- The expert gbp consult team provided the initial concept design and Tenant's Requirements documentation. They some big technical challenges: HTM compliant ventilation, low energy heating and cooling, getting the MRI machine into the building and replacing the floor slab beneath it as it is very big and heavy!
- The gbp team worked closely with Whittington Health NHS Trust and the Capital & Regional design team to develop innovative solutions to overcome the challenges and provide assurance to Whittington Health on a wide range of technical matters and on payments to the Contractor. The team also provided an integrated project information database.



Impact, Sustainability:

Modelling suggests significant travel time savings of up to 30 minutes for Haringey residents (modelling based 2019/20 DIDs data). Reduction in carbon footprint will be achieved by enabling better access for local communities, leading to shorter journeys for service users.

Impact, ideal location for prevention and early intervention:

The CDC is located close to NCL's most diverse and deprived communities who have some of the worst public health outcomes in the UK; under 75s have a 50% higher death rate compared to the NCL average. Attendance numbers for Phase 1 of the project indicate that the CDC will positively impact public health outcomes through preventing disease prevalence and reducing case mortality by reducing time to diagnosis.

Impact, Boosting the local economy:

Local businesses will benefit from the extra footfall to the area, estimated to be up to 2,100 per week, a 1% uplift for the shopping centre representing a potential spend of £3million annually back into the local economy. Employing and training locally not only boosts the local economy, but also provides an important indirect opportunity to improve local health.



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Inside the CDC, Phase 1

Construction in Progress

Krzystof Didek, the first MRI patient to be seen at Wood Green CDC



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