

FULCRUM NEWS

A warm welcome to the first edition of Fulcrum's quarterly newsletter.

Working with the NHS, Fulcrum are investors in over 40 healthcare centres through the Local Improvement Finance Trust (LIFT) partnership that brings together the private and public sectors to deliver quality community healthcare.



In such a vital time for the healthcare sector, we wanted to offer our partners, colleagues and key stakeholders a regular update on Fulcrum's work with the NHS and local communities.

This first newsletter follows an unprecedented 12 months for the healthcare sector, and through the remarkable efforts of the NHS we are now seeing the UK turning the corner in the fightback against COVID-19.

In such challenging times, LIFT health centres have played an important role in supporting the NHS, and Fulcrum's own facilities have been put to good use over the last year - we have included a closer look at some of our activities during the pandemic further below.

Fulcrum and our partners have also made good progress in developing our healthcare centres to create improved space and new facilities to help better-serve the local community - we take a look further below at some key works now underway at our Gracefield Gardens health centre in Streatham, south London.

I hope you enjoy this first newsletter update from Fulcrum and I look forward to sharing further news with you again over the coming months. In the meantime, if you need any further details or have any comments or feedback, please do not hesitate to get in contact with us.

Best wishes, **Sarah Beaumont-Smith, Fulcrum CEO**

Supporting the fight against COVID-19



LIFT health centres have been an important resource to support the efforts of the NHS over the last year and Fulcrum has been proud to play its part.

The early stages of the pandemic saw key buildings quickly transformed to create 'hot hubs' to treat COVID cases, and separate 'cold hubs' to allow other vital community services to continue - a great example of the public and private sectors working together to adapt healthcare facilities to respond to emerging pressures.

As the pandemic progressed, Fulcrum also used its strong links with local communities to help those most in need. In west London, Fulcrum worked with QPR football club and Imperial College to create and deliver resource packs for over 100 vulnerable families, together with a "Small Sparks" pot of funding to help fund small-scale, local community initiatives. Through its healthcare centres in St Helens in Merseyside, Fulcrum also worked with local community groups to fund and distribute food and essential supplies to vulnerable groups.

Finally, the location of LIFT buildings in the heart of the community has made them a vital part of the vaccination programme - six of Fulcrum's buildings in London and the North West are now being used as vaccination centres. Discussions are also now underway about using Fulcrum's facilities to support post-COVID patient recovery and rehabilitation, ensuring we continue to support the NHS and communities long-term.

Spring clean for Fulcrum website and social media



A digital 'spring clean' has seen [Fulcrum's website](#) now fully updated with new details and case studies.

New [LinkedIn](#) and [Twitter](#) pages have also been set up offering the latest Fulcrum news.

You can visit the new website at fulcrumgroup.co.uk and find us on LinkedIn [here](#) and Twitter [here](#).

Fulcrum CEO appointed Chair of The LIFT Council



Fulcrum CEO Sarah Beaumont-Smith has been appointed as the [new chair of The LIFT Council](#) - the membership body representing the companies and investors working with the NHS to deliver quality community healthcare.

With important discussions ahead on the future of healthcare provision, Sarah will lead The LIFT Council's work on demonstrating the [vital role the LIFT model](#) can continue to play.

Visit the LIFT Council's website [here](#).

Expanded GP surgery and improved mental health provision in south London

A multi-million-pound investment in Gracefield Gardens health centre in Streatham, south London has led to a range of [improvements to local GP services and mental health provision](#) in the local area.

Gracefield Gardens opened in 2007 but changes and growth in the local population in recent years meant the existing GP surgery in did not have sufficient space to accommodate increased numbers of local patients. Fulcrum therefore worked with the GP surgery to rework and redesign space within the building to create an [expanded area to serve more patients](#).

Other services in the local area such as mental health provision also faced issues of duplication and fragmentation, so as part of the investment in improvements, a new Living Well Network hub was integrated into the building, offering residents a [single access point for mental health services](#).

Rounding off the huge improvements to the building, a 'Community Growing' group has also been set up that will allow local residents to help with growing fruit and vegetables within the courtyard areas of Gracefield Gardens. Read more about Gracefield Gardens health centre [here](#).



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