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Work underway at Bath Street Health Centre to boost breast screening services in Warrington

- Nearly £1m of investment to help deliver greater capacity and better patient experience

Breast screening services for Warrington residents are to receive a huge boost with construction work now underway to create additional screening capacity and clinical rooms at Bath Street Health & Wellbeing Centre.

Bath Street was built in 2012 to offer local residents a range of integrated health and social care services in one state-of-the-art building. The five-storey health centre includes GP practices, dental services, physiotherapy, a pharmacy, and also already provides breast screening services to the local community. With a growing local population, Bath Street has been earmarked for £900,000 of investment to further expand services and facilities on offer to residents – construction work on the project is now underway and will help to deliver:

Additional breast screening capacity and improved patient experience

- The improvement works will help to create a second breast screening room at Bath Street, allowing the centre to screen even more local patients. Locating breast screening services into a modern, purpose-built clinical environment, and a building that is fully accessible with better transport and parking options, will also significantly improve patient experience.

Additional clinical rooms to boost services

- Vacant office and meeting room space in the Bath Street building will be transformed to create new clinical rooms for staff to use, helping to support increased delivery of patient services.

Easing the pressure on local hospitals

- The increased provision of breast screening services and additional clinical capacity at Bath Street will allow local residents to access crucial care in a more convenient community building and will help to ease the pressure on local hospitals.

Bath Street Health & Wellbeing Centre was delivered under the NHS LIFT Programme by Community Health Partnerships (a key part of the NHS family) and Renova (owned by healthcare investor Fulcrum) who have helped to deliver 17 community healthcare facilities across the North West.

The Bath Street improvement works bring together **Community Health Partnerships, Renova, NHS Cheshire and Merseyside, and Warrington and Halton Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust**. Construction work is now underway on the improvement works and is expected to be completed in May.

Ian Butterworth from Renova said: *“Bath Street already plays a vital role in supporting the wellbeing of local residents but we are always looking for ways that we can increase and improve the facilities available to patients. By creating more breast screening capacity, more clinical space for staff to use, and a better experience for patients, the improvement works now underway at Bath Street will be a huge boost to local residents at such an important time for community health.”*

Libby Doherty, Portfolio Manager at CHP, commented: *“This project has been very exciting to be involved from concept to delivery. Not only will we have decreased the void at the site to create new accessible breast screening rooms for Warrington and Halton Teaching Trust, we will have moved a vital service into the community which will offer a more central location for patients to visit for screening. The Project has created an additional four new clinical rooms and an interview space will allow many more services will be delivered in a central location in Warrington. It’s been a team effort, working alongside Renova colleagues and closely with the Trust to provide much needed adapted clinical space in the community.”*

Lucy Gardner, director of strategy and partnerships at Warrington and Halton Teaching Hospitals, said: *“We’re pleased that this additional investment at Bath Street will enable us to see more patients in a modern, purpose-built facility in the community. There is overwhelming support from the public for the extension of our breast screening provision in Bath Street, which will also enable a reduction in waits for breast screening. We would like to thank our partners at Fulcrum, Renova, Community Health Partners (CHP) and the Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care Board (ICB) for making this possible.”*

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