

## Press Release

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### **First non-Foundation Trust signs Strategic Estates Partnership**

The Isle of Wight NHS Trust has signed a ground breaking strategic estates partnership agreement with Ryhurst to deliver a wide-ranging estates strategy that supports the Trust in the delivery of excellent patient care.

The Trust is the first non-Foundation Trust to enter into a 50:50 Joint Venture partnership with a private sector partner. By utilising the estate to its full potential in delivering the Trust's clinical strategy it will support our aspirations to provide quality care for everyone every time and promote the integrated care pathways provided across the Island.

The Trust who released the OJEU in January has now legally formed the 'Wight Life Partnership LLP', with approval and backing from the NHS Trust Development Authority signifying the start of the 15 year agreement with an option to extend for a further five years.

Karen Baker, Isle of Wight NHS Trust chief executive, said: "As an organisation that is committed to innovative ways of working, we are excited to work with Ryhurst to make sure we can reinvest for the future. Working with partners across health and social care, in order to provide excellent patient care, it is important to have up-to-date, state-of-the-art facilities."

"Our clinical strategy outlines how more care will be provided in local communities and patient homes with specialised services centralised on the St. Mary's Hospital site. By working in partnership, we will look to make the best use of our estate to support high quality clinical services that meet the needs of the Island communities we serve."

Stephen Collinson, Managing Director of Ryhurst said: "In an ever-changing healthcare environment, our innovative partnership model continues to bring real value to deliver long-term, strategic benefits for NHS estates. We are delighted to be working with Isle of Wight NHS Trust, marking the start of a journey that will draw on both our capabilities to add real value to the Trust's estate for the benefit of staff and patients.

Mr Collinson continued: “We look forward to working together over the coming years delivering the Trust vision of Quality Care for Everyone Every time.”

Through Wight Life Partnership, both parties will work in partnership to undertake a comprehensive review of the estate across all Isle of Wight NHS Trust sites, ensuring that buildings and grounds are fully utilised and are suitable for the delivery of modern healthcare. The aim is to improve asset efficiency and help to identify and develop any commercial opportunities.

To maximise the benefits of this new partnership it is anticipated that Wight Life Partnership will also work very closely with our other health and social care system partners on the Isle of Wight. This will assist in aligning estate strategies to enable the joint Island health and social care vision “Person centred, coordinated health and social care” to become a reality.

Ryhurst’s strategic estates model for partnering with the NHS has been developed to help the NHS better utilise its estate, improve the quality of buildings essential for clinical services and provide an equitable solution for the taxpayer.

### **Notes for Editors:**

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2. Photograph (left to right): Chris Palmer, Executive Director of Finance at IW NHS Trust, Karen Baker, Chief Executive at IW NHS Trust, Danny Fisher, Chairman of IW NHS Trust, Stephen Collinson, Managing Director of Ryhurst, Aileen Ivanec, Group Legal Director of Ryhurst
3. **About Ryhurst:** For over a decade, Ryhurst has specialised in providing land and asset solutions for the health and social care markets. It has evolved from a focus on the Private Finance Initiative (PFI) to provide the full breadth of property management and development services, including new and ground breaking approaches in support of a successful asset management strategy. Ryhurst continues to develop the successful strategic estates partnering model across the NHS. Ryhurst is an experienced manager of health and social care assets. Ryhurst is part of the Rydon Group, a successful construction, development, maintenance and management group operating throughout England. Further information at [www.ryhurst.co.uk](http://www.ryhurst.co.uk). Follow Ryhurst [@RyhurstLimited](https://twitter.com/RyhurstLimited).
4. **About Isle of Wight NHS Trust:** As the only fully integrated NHS care provider in England Isle of Wight NHS Trust brings together ambulance, community, hospital and mental health services. The Trust serves a resident population of 140,000 people which increases substantially over the summer months. Further information at [www.iow.nhs.uk](http://www.iow.nhs.uk). Follow Isle of Wight NHS Trust [@loWNHSTrust](https://twitter.com/loWNHSTrust).

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