

DELIVERING BETTER PRIMARY CARE ENVIRONMENTS TO OPTIMISE PATIENT CARE



**£5.8 million
new surgery**

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The Ridge Medical Practice owns three sites in Bradford. It employs 21 doctors, 11 nurses, 5 healthcare assistants and dedicated administration and management teams.

The practice’s aim is to deliver the best possible primary health care for the growing needs of its local community. In order to accommodate the demand and provide a wider range of modern primary care services, such as minor surgery facilities and a serviced pharmacy, it was decided a state-of-art surgery was needed.

Creating solutions

The EC Harris primary care team has significant experience delivering primary care asset solutions through both ‘Third Party’ and ‘GP End-Owned’ development solutions. The team was appointed as lead project consultants to successfully deliver all aspects of this £5.8 million project from conception, in partnership with The Ridge Medical Practice.

This involved: identifying a suitable site; producing a viability report for the board; securing financial backing; managing the design and development plans for the new surgery; negotiating with the District Valuer; advising on the most appropriate procurement vehicle; and maximising the asset’s future potential to deliver a range of primary care services.

Adding value

The primary care team has a range of experts - a number of whom have previously worked in practice management or for Primary Care Trusts - with significant experience in dealing with Primary Care Trusts and the relevant stakeholders to effectively deliver health facilities on budget and in the shortest possible timescale.

Client Success | The Ridge Medical Practice

In order to achieve this for The Ridge Medical Practice, the team:

- Facilitated a series of steering group meetings throughout the initial stages of the programme to ensure community engagement
- Advised how to maximise funding from public and private organisations to ensure the best possible facilities could be provided to the community
- Drew on the expertise of a number of other consultants within EC Harris to provide a complete and continuous service to the practice.

EC Harris also drew on its extensive network to ensure the practice received the best VAT and pharmaceutical consultancy possible. This led to the practice securing a pharmaceutical service which: is convenient for the local community; plays to the NHS agenda; and delivered a significant cost benefit to the practice. In turn, this also reduced the Primary Care Trust's rental package and therefore increased the scheme's viability, whilst unlocking capital for the Trust to invest elsewhere

The Ridge Medical Practice will serve more than 20,000 people, and has helped catalyse wider regeneration of the region.

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