

### Goodmans Field Briefing

The NHS in Tower Hamlets have been in discussions regarding the progression of a health facility in the City of London Aldgate area for some time and in 2010 registered their support for the Goodman's Field development to provide a health facility to meet the health and well being needs of the local population and to reduce health inequalities. In 2013, changes to the political landscape resulted in the creation of NHS Tower Hamlets CCG, NHS England and NHS Property Services all of whom are stakeholders in the development of the health centre and who are currently working together to bring the health centre to fruition.

In the interim, City Wellbeing Practice have been providing 2 GP sessions per week in the Portsoken district of the City of London to increase GP access in an area that has long expressed concerns about the lack of access to primary care services. The Portsoken Health Centre is a small facility consisting of two consulting rooms and GP services are available Mondays and Thursdays between 10am and 1pm.

Goodman's Field is a residential-led, mixed use development that will include a health facility of up to 1,250m<sup>2</sup>. The developer is Berkeley Homes and the health centre is located within the ground floor of the South East Block. The South East Block is the last block to be developed and will provide the remaining 297 residential dwellings and ground floor commercial floor space including the health centre. The developers are aiming for a start date on site within the autumn of 2015 and a completion within the summer of 2019.

The Goodman's Field development, within close proximity to the Portsoken district, will allow re-provision for two GP surgeries within the area, namely City Wellbeing and Whitechapel Health, both currently in poor quality, inadequate premises with no potential for expansion or development of services. The new development will absorb the GP services currently being offered at Portsoken Health Centre and will significantly increase access to primary care services.

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It is expected that GP services will continue to be provided from Portsoken until the completion of the Goodman's Field development allowing patients in the area to continue to access and register with a GP.