



## Press Release

### For Immediate Release

#### **Build Gets Underway for Wolverhampton Mental Health Hospital**

WORK has begun on a new purpose built facility in Wolverhampton to support men who are struggling with their mental health.

The state of the art hospital will be run by Cygnet Health Care, one of the largest UK providers of health and social care services which supports individuals with mental health needs, learning disabilities and autism. It will bring more than 100 new jobs to the local area and see further investment by Cygnet in the local economy, drawing on local resources during the construction phase and for day-to-day supplies to run the service.

The 32-bed hospital, on Wolverhampton Road, will comprise of two wards, that will provide specialist mental health services for men. The building work began earlier this year and it is expected that the hospital will be open to patients by March 2024.

Dr Tony Romero, CEO of Cygnet Health Care, explained:

*“It is our priority to ensure those suffering with their mental health get the very best support they need. Cygnet’s new hospital in Wolverhampton will complement the range of mental health services we already deliver in the area and we are delighted that we will soon be able to support more people who need our help.*

*“The setting has been designed with wellness in mind, providing a safe and comfortable environment to promote successful recovery.*

*“We will support men suffering mental health issues and our specially trained staff will provide therapeutic support that focuses on improving each individual’s quality of life.*

*“Our aim is to understand and support those in our care, to help build their resilience and enable them to return to a healthy and fulfilling life.”*

The new hospital is just four miles from Sedgley House and Sedgley Lodge, both run by Cygnet Health Care. The services, rated ‘Good’ by the Care Quality Commission, offer a 34 bed high dependency inpatient rehabilitation service for men with complex needs.

Facilities will include onsite car parking, a garden, en-suite bedrooms, therapy rooms, a multi-faith room, a gym, treatment rooms, communal lounge, dining room, quiet lounge, and meeting rooms. The range of job opportunities it will create will include health care professionals, clinicians, nurses, catering, domestics and administrative roles.

Cygnet is a partner to the NHS providing mental health care across a range of services around the country. The impact of the Covid pandemic has seen a rise in the number of people suffering with

their mental health and it is expected there will be high demand for the services offered at the new hospital.

Dr Romero added: *“The current demand nationally is surging and with that increase in need for specialist mental health services, we want to be part of the solution and work together with the NHS to provide the best treatment and facilities to help people on their recovery journey.*

*“The new hospital will be purpose-built to meet the latest NHS specifications for improving mental health.*

*“Many NHS Trusts are forecasting high demand to remain and every NHS Trust approached about this opportunity have welcomed it because it will reduce current travel times for patients and help meet the need. I look forward to seeing the difference the facility will make to so many people.”*

It is expected that the service at Wolverhampton will bring mental health treatment closer to home for many people, improving their quality of care, and reducing their length of stay in hospital.

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#### **Notes to Editors**

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#### **About Cygnet Health Care**

Cygnet Health Care has been providing a national network of high-quality, specialised mental health services for the NHS and local authorities for the past 30 years.

Cygnet Health Care’s pioneering services support people with complex and acute mental health needs across the UK.

As one of the best quality providers in mental health services in the country, Cygnet Health Care’s focus is always on the best outcomes for those who use or commission its services. 85% of Cygnet’s facilities are rated as good or outstanding, which is above the national average. [www.cygnethealth.co.uk](http://www.cygnethealth.co.uk)