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The healthcare sector in the UK and internationally continues to experience dynamic change underpinned by significant legal reforms. As an operator, investor, funder, developer or landlord in this sector, you are facing a highly regulated environment as well as significant public scrutiny.

With increasing potential for the independent provision of health and social care along with an ageing population and technological advances, but with tightening public budgets, operating within the health and social care sectors presents both challenges and opportunities.

Award winning team



Our award winning healthcare team has been advising the sector for more than 20 years. With the largest Real Estate team in Europe and a market leading Corporate team, we are well positioned to help our clients navigate all aspects of the health and social care markets.

Shaping the sector



CMS are committed to driving development and growth in the sector and are members of key industry associations. We provide exceptional, tailored, expert and appropriately priced advice to a wide range of health and social care clients relying on our deep knowledge of the sector.

Guiding international investment



We guide, advise and support international investors on their entry into the UK health and social care market.



CMS' multi-disciplinary practice is spread across multiple offices and offers 'strong expertise' in high-value M&A transactional advice, international inward investment and NHS capital procurement, PFIs and PPP and other healthcare outsourcings.

The Legal 500, 2019



Some of the ways we can help you

We support clients across primary, acute, community, residential and social care including mental health, special education and children's services. Our award winning healthcare team is well known for the innovative advice they offer on a wide range of healthcare matters from significant transactional advice to complex high value medical claims and healthcare regulatory advice, inward investment and NHS capital procurement, PFI's, PPP's and other healthcare outsourcings.

Areas of the market include:

Residential and Social Care <ul style="list-style-type: none">— Elderly— Complex Care— Domiciliary Care— Children's Services— SEN Schools— Mental Health— Supported Living— Learning Disabilities— Extra Care	
Acute and Community Care <ul style="list-style-type: none">— Diagnostics— General and specialist hospitals— Private patient units— Community Care	
Primary Care <ul style="list-style-type: none">— General Practice— Dental— Pharmacy— Urgent Care Centres— Audiology— Optometry— Nutrition— Occupational health— Physiotherapy	
Healthcare Support Services <ul style="list-style-type: none">— Staffing— Insurance— Health administration and care planning	

Practice areas:

Corporate and Private Equity	Real Estate
Infrastructure, Project Finance & Construction	Employment, Pensions & Tax
Regulation, Clinical Risk and Disputes	Competition
Insurance and Reinsurance	Banking & Finance



Some of our recent experience

Spire Healthcare

On a wide range of transactions, including the disposal of two cancer centres and the establishment of a partnership with Genesis Care. We also advised on a coverage dispute with its insurer, RSA.

Lloyds Bank Plc and National Westminster Bank Plc

On the £438 million debt facilities to AIM-listed mental health and learning disabilities service provider CareTech Plc, for its reverse takeover of Cambian Group Plc.

General Optical Council

Investigating concerns made against a corporate provider of optical services in the UK. We also successfully prosecuted an optometrist in respect of patient safety issues arising from a failure to engage with NHS England and they have been erased from the register.

Primary Health Properties

On its £1billion merger with MedicX and on numerous acquisitions and developments of primary care assets and equity and convertible, retail and secured bond issues.

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde

On the construction of a Health and Care Centre at Greenock and Mental Health Wards at Stobhill Hospital, Glasgow.

Care UK

On various acquisitions and disposals and on the CMA investigation concerning admission fees and various contract terms and business practices. We also advised in relation to the CMA's advice on post-death fees and broader consumer law advice.

St James's University Hospital

On the refinancing of the hospital's PFI Project by way of a listed and private bond issue acting for Assured Guaranty, US Bank and Lloyds Bank.

NFA Group

On a wide range of transactions including its recent acquisition of the Outcomes First Group.

Welltower

Advised this major US REIT since its entry into the UK market in 2012 and on acquisitions of over £500 million of care home assets and several acute care hospitals.

Barchester Healthcare

On numerous acquisitions, sales and developments for one of the largest providers of residential nursing, dementia care, assisted living and specialist services in the UK.

Royal Liverpool Hospital

Acted for the project company in relation to all matters surrounding the insolvency of Carillion who were both the construction and facilities management contractors on the Project.

BMI

On the successful £1bn lease restructuring of BMI Hospital Group's 58 site estate enabling a £250m capital expenditure programme and separately on supporting W&I insurers on the restructuring.

Investors in social infrastructure

Conducted an investigation into the investee's children's and adults service provision to ensure compliance with internal policies and the regulatory framework, following a police investigation and suspension of registration for a number of children's homes by the regulatory body.

Civitas

On more than £200m major acquisitions over the last 12 months including social housing and specialist care homes operated by numerous care operators and Registered Providers.

August Equity

On its acquisition of Esland Care, a provider of residential child care and education provisions offering bespoke, specialist services to local authorities in England.



Keeping you up to date

We invest a lot of time and effort to make sure we know and understand what is new, what is coming and how it will affect our clients. This knowledge is reflected in every piece of advice we give. It also forms the basis of the know-how, education and training that we offer our clients. Keeping you up to date is a priority for us, and this page shows some of the thought leadership, training and regular analysis that is available.

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