

## Memorandum of Understanding

20<sup>th</sup> August 2010

### Partners:

Westfield Sports College, Eckington Road, Sothall, Sheffield S20 1HQ

Sheffield United Plc, Bramall Lane, Sheffield, S2 4SU

Westfield Health, Westfield House, 87 Division Street, Sheffield, S1 1HT

### Associate Partners:

Sheffield Hallam University, Howard Street, Sheffield, S1 1WB

Sheffield Local Authority, Pinstone Street, Sheffield, S1 2HH

- 1 This Memorandum of Understanding signifies a statement of intent to collaborate, but is not a legally binding document.
- 2 It recognises the intention of Westfield Sports College and Sheffield United Plc, Westfield Health as Partners and Sheffield Hallam University and Sheffield Local Authority as Associate Partners to co-operate and to explore further developments in the way that they work together with a view to establishing a charitable Foundation or 'Trust' to support the education of the students at Westfield Sports College.
- 3 The specific focus of the Trust will be to ensure that we provide a rounded education for all our students, supporting their development as learners and as responsible members of the community, raising expectations and contributing to the well-being and cohesion of the community we serve.  
Through a community focus, family learning, family health, vocational and volunteer programmes, the College will develop opportunities for students and their families to be involved with local and wider communities and will engage them in making a positive contribution. Strengthening health and well-being by direct work with Trust partners to provide extended sport and health facilities and activities which support the delivery of common priorities from education, health, caring and sport for our community.
- 4 All parties have a shared interest in:
  - *Widening access to education, raising the aspirations of the local community through sporting and business and enterprise links, the health and well being of young people and the wider local community, sharing knowledge and expertise.*
- 5 **Personnel**- Westfield Sports College governing body, Ian Saunders (Chair), Alison Steel (Vice Chair), Susan Simmons (Head teacher). Sheffield United Plc (Simon Argall, Operations Director). Westfield Health (David Capper, Head of Sales,

Operations and Retention), Sheffield Hallam University (Reginald Tooth, Professional Development), Sheffield Local Authority (Alena Prentice, Assistant Director).

- 6 **Meetings and Communication Processes**- Each partner will be named publicly in consultation documentation as working with the College to explore Trust status. A timeline has been produced to show how often meetings will take place and when key decisions will be reached.
- 7 **Implementation and Key Milestones** – Please refer to the attached timeline (Appendix 1)
- 8 **Governance**- the Trust will appoint a minority of Governors – one from Westfield Health and one from Sheffield United Plc. Further details can be seen in Appendix 2.
- 9 **Existing partnerships**- the Trust will continue to develop the strong links with existing partners. Work with Westfield Health and Sheffield United Plc. is on-going and will be extended. There are no known conflicts at present and any will be taken to the review committee. Ultimately the Trust can be dissolved.

Signed:

Partners:

Westfield Sports College

Sheffield United Plc

Westfield Health

Associate Partners:

Sheffield Hallam University

Sheffield Local Authority