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# Strong growth for Browne Jacobson Manchester health team

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Established in 2013, the specialist team advises on a broad range of clinical negligence, regulatory, criminal and inquest matters for the private and public sectors. The team is led by partner Amanda Callaghan and has grown its headcount from 1 to 25 lawyers over the course of six years.

The team's strong reputation for advising health and social care providers, commissioners and regulators has contributed to its significant growth. The team now acts for NHS England, Stockport NHS Foundation Trust; Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust; Bolton NHS Foundation Trust; The Priory and Care UK, amongst others.

Major projects for the team include advising on the development of an integrated healthcare model in Manchester, a project led by partner Gerard Hanratty. This follows Gerard's work acting on the merger of three Birmingham and Solihull Clinical Commissioning Groups.

Partner Rebecca Fitzpatrick has also advised on key strategic policy development, including supporting the 'Transforming Care Programme', a national initiative introduced by NHS England to improve the quality of care for patients with learning disabilities or autism. Rebecca has been instrumental in advising on the mental health aspects of the NHS 'Five Year Forward View' policy, produced by NHS England to outline the organisation's priorities until 2021.

Amanda Callaghan, health partner and head of the firm's Manchester office, said: "We are immensely proud that we have become so firmly embedded in the North West over the last few years. It is testament to the team's extensive knowledge of the issues facing the public and private sectors, and breadth of experience advising on complex cases, that our client roster continues to grow at such a rapid rate.

"Our growing reputation in the health sector means we continue to attract the very best talent, and we are committed to further building our footprint over the coming years. Manchester has one of the most innovative health markets in the UK. The 2016 landmark devolution deal gave the city control of its £6bn health and social care budget, and with the move to an integrated health care model, we look forward to playing a central role in future developments."

Browne Jacobson's UK-wide health team consists of 130 lawyers and is nationally recognised as one of the leading in the country by independent experts Chambers and Legal 500.

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