

Corporate lawyer joins specialist independent health team

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Vicky, who is currently based in the firm's Nottingham corporate finance team, has over 10 years' experience advising on all corporate M&A matters including share and business acquisitions and disposals, investments, group reorganisations and general company law matters.

Senior associate Vicky will work closely with **Clare Auty**, Head of commercial health and lead partner for Browne Jacobson's independent health and social care practice, following a busy period for the firm over the last 12 months which has seen it complete a number of major transactions in the healthcare sector.

Recent deals have included advising the management sellers of CARE Fertility (CARE) on the sale of the entire issued share capital of CARE, acting on the acquisition of Genesis Health Care LLP, advising on funding provided to Dovehaven Care Homes, a North West care home group, and advising specialist healthcare services private equity investor, Weight Partners Capital on its investment in Grosvenor Health and Social Care.

Clare Auty said:

"We have seen a considerable spike in corporate activity across the health and social care sector and the forecast is that this trend is likely to continue. Having someone with Vicky's excellent corporate finance knowledge and experience on board will be a real asset for our clients and she will play a key role in contributing to our transactional growth strategy.

"Despite the challenges of the pandemic, healthcare has remained one of the most attractive assets for financial investors and has proved the resilience of the sector. We have seen a keen interest in retail healthcare such as fertility services where activity has been particularly strong. Looking ahead we also expect to see strong traction in the residential care home sector and in healthtech."

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