

Case Study



Club Name: **Wigan St Judes ARLFC**

Location **Keats Avenue, Parsons Meadow, Poolstock, Wigan**

Theme **Healthy Eating**

Background

Wigan St Judes ARLFC provide members, players and supporters with food and drink on match days from their kitchen facilities within the clubhouse. The clubs kitchen facilities were limited both in terms of size and of the cooking equipment. The club recognised these limitations and as part of their work with the Wigan Borough Healthy Stadia and Sports Club Network identified this as an area they would like to improve.

Activity

- **What we did?** The club took part in an assessment of current club facilities and practice as part of their application to join the Wigan Borough Network, this identified the kitchen as a potential area for improvement. This would allow the club to provide a wider variety of food to spectators and players, and would enhance their facilities for private functions and events with the potential to generate a greater income.
- **Who was involved?** Working with the support of a number of partners including Wigan Borough Sports Council, Wigan Council (SpecFit) and the Healthy Stadia Network the club applied for funding to pay for an extension and refurbishment of the kitchen to include new catering equipment.
- **What worked?** The club were able to fund through successful grant applications the improvements to the kitchen and the installation of new equipment including pasta boilers and counter top jacket potato ovens.

Success

Wigan St Judes were able to demonstrate to funders the need for improved kitchen facilities to support the development of the club and the health of their members and players. Enabling them to lead by example and provide healthy and balanced food choices to all.

Recognising the limitations of their old kitchen and its equipment meant the club could identify what was required and the costs to implement the changes. Their funding applications received the full support of the Wigan Borough Network and as part of their commitment to this a member of the club participated in the Health Champion course as a prerequisite to applying for the SpecFit fund.

The club are delighted with their new facilities and the new food options they are able to provide to players and members alike!

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