

Merseycare Hospital



1. Asset information

This project consists of the design, build, finance and maintenance of a mental health in-patient facility on the former Walton hospital site in Liverpool, UK

The former Walton Hospital site has been transformed into a new mental health in-patient facility providing 85 single occupancy bedrooms with en-suite bathrooms to facilitate best practice in modern mental health care. Each of the five wards is supported by its own dedicated therapeutic and safe courtyard facilities as well as light, airy communal areas.

2. Impact

- 85 bed in-patient mental health facility.



3. Awards and certifications

- Northwest Regional Construction Awards 2015 – Winner Client of the Year – Clock View Hospital
- Design in Mental Health Awards 2016 – Winner Service User Experience, Design Champion, Healthy Outdoor Lifestyle Award – Clock View Hospital
- BREEAM Excellent

4. Environment

GHG emissions

All buildings designed and built to a minimum BREEAM rating of Excellent. This puts the buildings in the top 10% of non-domestic buildings in terms of environmental, social and economic sustainability. Buildings utilise passive cooling systems with natural ventilation systems.

Proactive lifecycle management and intelligent approach to building redecoration to reduce long term resources necessary to maintain the buildings internal environment.



Climate risk

The project was screened to evaluate the potential physical impacts from climate change based on 'Paris-aligned' (RCP2.6 ~+1°C) and 'High emissions' (RCP8.5 ~+3.7°C) scenarios across three time periods (2020, 2050 and 2100). The project maintains a Very Low physical climate risk score under both scenarios.

Waste & Water

Approach to design and construction under the BREEAM Excellent accreditation seeks to minimise waste during construction of the facilities. Proactive approach to water management and monitoring by FM providers including regular monitoring of toilet cisterns & taps and quarterly review of legionella controls to minimise water use.

The management services provider continues to monitor waste and water consumption and is actively exploring opportunities to reduce them wherever possible.

Biodiversity

The asset is built in compliance with local environmental regulations. During the concession period, the Portfolio Company focuses on promoting restoration efforts to improve degraded or removed ecosystems that act as natural carbon sinks and can improve resilience to climate-related damages, such as:

- habitats for indigenous species (i.e. communal gardens)

Additionally, the Portfolio Company has a Biodiversity policy in place.



5. Social

Health & Safety

Health and safety is on the agenda each board meeting. Our asset managers work actively with the Portfolio Company or its management service providers, to promote a strong health and safety culture, facilitate the sharing of best practices.

We endorse a zero-tolerance approach to occupational health and safety incidents. Additionally, the Portfolio Company has a Health & Safety policy in place and regularly conducts health and safety audits.

Diversity

Not applicable as the Portfolio Company does not employ any staff.

Impact for local communities

The Portfolio Company has an annual budget specifically for supporting initiatives benefitting the hospital users and local community. Recent initiatives that are being investigated include the provision of artwork in patient courtyards to provide an improved user and visitor experience.

6. Governance

Delegation & oversight

The Portfolio Company directors review on a quarterly basis comprehensive board report, including both general project management and financial management. The project has a rigorous governance structure in place with quarterly board meetings, ad-hoc meetings when required and an authority delegation matrix to the management services provider.

The Portfolio Company has robust ESG policies and procedures in place and clear board-level responsibility to monitor their application. The ESG standard policies include:

- Biodiversity policy
- Code of Conduct, including anti-bribery, anti-corruption and non-discrimination
- Conflict of interest
- Cyber-security
- ESG
- Health and safety (workplace accident prevention)
- Anti-slavery & Human Trafficking policy (Modern Day Slavery)
- Rapid escalation
- Responsible contractor
- Tax
- Whistleblowing

The Portfolio Company holds frequent meetings with the public sector client to promote collaboration, coordination and integration of operations.

Reporting

The Portfolio Company uses a quarterly board pack, reporting to the board of directors on the operational and financial performance of the project and compliance with its obligations and regulation/legislation, including the policies.

Additionally, the Portfolio Company reports annually into BBGI's ESG KPI survey, which composed of 100+ data points, covering all aspects of ESG oversight.

Cyber security

Portfolio Company and its subcontractors continuously monitor that the cyber security policy is in place and perform information risk analysis and develops mitigating measures. They have a robust and comprehensive IT backup system in place. Additionally, the Portfolio Company has a Cyber security policy in place.

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