

# St Catherine's Health Centre



## Project name:

St Catherine's Health Centre

## Location:

Birkenhead, Merseyside

## Value:

£32.6m new build project

## Services:

Architecture  
Interior Design  
Landscape Architecture  
Masterplanning

## The Brief

The 11,100 sqm four storey health centre was commissioned by NHS Wirral in the grounds of the existing eight acre St Catherine's hospital site, to sustainably meet the health and social care needs of the local population.





# Project Overview

The vision for St Catherine's Health Centre was to create an exciting, ground-breaking and sustainable design which would radically transform an area in great need of regeneration.

In addition to a challenging brief, which was to encompass new care services, an operational site, new public space and the existing church, the project demonstrates a new benchmark in timescales for a development of this size. Working in partnership with the community, end user, contractor and developer allowed planning to be achieved in a very short timescale and formulation of a robust design to a BREEAM 'Excellent' rating.



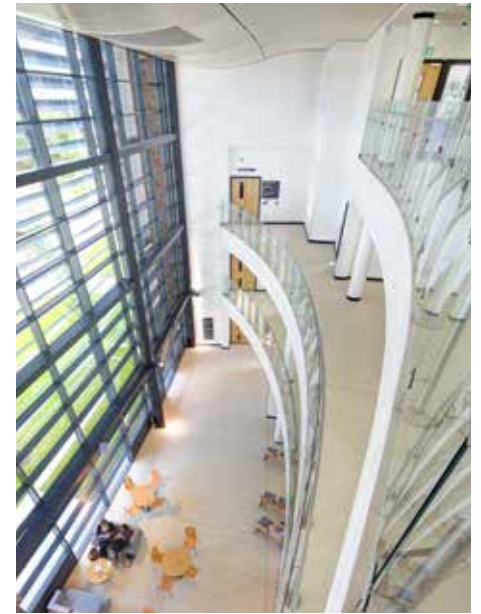
## The Benefits

- **Reduced project timescales** - benefitting from a truly integrated design team and by working in close collaboration with all stakeholders from the outset, ensured a robust design concept was achieved in just seven days and taken to a successful full planning submission in only ten weeks.
- **Highly flexible space and ability to adapt to future needs** – by designing the building around an internal volume free of columns and utilising lightly framed internal structures, there is the capability for future expansion or reconfiguration of space as needs demand.
- **Improving patient experience** – the interior design incorporates intuitive way finding, coupled with an 'internal street' to link the five individual wings. Integrated master planning ensures open access and clear pathways for safety and ease of navigation.
- **A unified development** – consultation and engagement with service users and the local community ensured the scheme embraced the Grade II listed church, making this historical building central to the new development. The landscape design focuses on 'connectivity', using curved routes to create strong links to Birkenhead Park and the adjacent area of urban regeneration, resulting in increased public space and a positive area to live, visit and work.

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The state-of-the-art new building will transform the Church Road site, creating a major new centre for health and wider care services for the residents of Tranmere and Birkenhead. It will once again put this important site at the heart of the community. ”

**Doug Baker, Head of Capital Projects and Premises Management, NHS Wirral**



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