



Midpark Hospital, Acute Mental Health Facility

Patient-centric design supports faster recovery

The Acute Mental Health Facility is an 85-bed new build hospital procured through the Health Facilities Scotland Framework in the grounds of the Crichton Hospital Estate. Replacing Victorian wards, this purpose-built modern facility incorporates best practice design for Dementia and Mental Illness and features an Intense Psychiatric Care Unit, Adult and Elderly Acute Wards, Dementia Ward and Open and Secure Rehabilitation Wards. A truly collaborative approach informed the brief of this specialized facility to ensure conflicts of security, clinical functionality and therapeutic ambiance was developed in harmony with the location. Regular and early discussions with stakeholders resulted in rigorous testing and development of ideas to meet stringent requirements.

Within each ward, circulation and accommodation was designed to move from public to private, where social space welcomes patients and visitors into the heart of each ward and a central nurses' station can observe routes down each wing of single-bed accommodation. Permanent creative works, artist-led programs and a landform sculpture work in combination to support the patient recovery process.

CLIENT	NHS Dumfries & Galloway
PORTFOLIO	Health Sciences
SIZE	74,200 SF (6,894) SM
LOCATION	Dumfries, Scotland
DATE	2012
SERVICES	Architecture Interior Design Landscape Architecture
AWARDS	2012 Winner of Health Facilities Scotland Design Award 2015 Winner of BREEAM Healthcare Award

Health Sciences

We bring informed programming and design excellence to the forefront of every healthcare project. Guided by human-centric and evidence-based design, our team believes in creating healing environments, placing patients at the center of their care. We identify emerging influences, forecasting adoption of technology and fully understand the implications of market dynamic forces, such as value-based care, integrated practice units and other opportunities that require alignment in the ways that we deliver care.

Informed On Patient Experience

Our architects, engineers and designers are highly experienced and have worked with leading clinicians in many of the world's top hospitals. We have unique knowledge and passion for the design of patient experience, clinical care redesign, clinical effectiveness, and space optimization to improve access and workflows, care coordination, care transitions, advocacy and policy. We help our clients reimagine their spaces, creating a healing environment integrating physical, emotional and spiritual values into each design. Integrating clinical programming and functional efficiencies, our team leverages their knowledge to provide the highest quality of informed design.

Well-Rounded and Equally Specialized

Health Sciences is continually evolving around the world, with higher demands placed on institutions to deliver more and varied services – and in new ways. The NORR team has experience in all types of health sciences building solutions from modern hospital design to public health facilities, health education centers, biotechnology, laboratories and research environments. We engage in all levels of research to understand the central question for improved outcomes in the built environment. We do this through post-occupancy evaluation of our facilities, as well as others, through our translational and community health initiatives and research projects. The objective is to understand the needs of a particular community as it relates to an appropriate care delivery model.

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