



## 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 PORTFOLIO SIZE LOCATION	NHS Dumfries & Galloway Health Sciences 74,200 SF (6894) SM 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

Health Sciences is a Center of Excellence at NORR. We employ a collaborative approach to health facilities, through integrated thinking while leveraging design excellence. 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 Health Sciences team consists of 50 professionals in six offices across the globe. Our clinicians, architects, engineers and designers are highly experienced and have worked with leading clinicians in many of the world's top hospitals. We have unique expertise and passion for the design of patient experience, clinical care redesign, clinical effectiveness, and space optimization to improve access and work flows, care coordination, care transitions, advocacy and policy. We help our clients reimage their spaces, creating a healing environment integrating physical, emotional and spiritual values into each design. Integrating clinical programming, functional efficiencies and inspired design, our designers leverage our knowledge in human- centered design to provide the highest quality of care.

### 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 deep expertise 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 also through research projects endeavoring to understand the needs of a particular community as it relates to an appropriate care delivery model.



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