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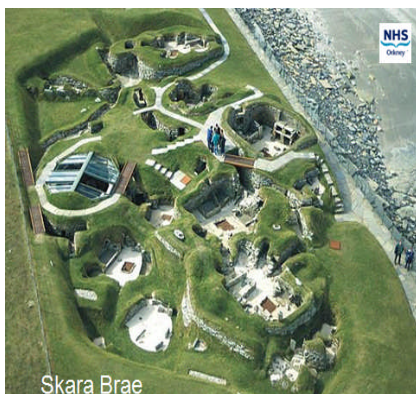
The Balfour News

The Balfour Design Story

Many people have commented on the shape of the new building and asked how it came to be that way.

The story starts with the very practical functional requirements of the building, the need for it to be flexible to meet demand, to be able to separate the different flows within the building- patients, visitors, staff - how departments need to be located in relation to each and for the building to be easy to access.

Keppie Architects, who designed the building, also looked for inspiration to the Orkney landscape, its long history and how its people have shaped their environment over time. Their design references included:-



Keppie architects worked with NHS Orkney to produce a design that meets all the functional clinical and operational requirements of the new hospital and healthcare facility, while reflecting Orkney influences and themes. The building also meets all the Boards requirements in respect of energy efficiency and sustainability and when the construction and operational costs were calculated, it was this design that achieved the highest evaluation scores overall.

The Balfour Inspired by and Designed for Orkney.



Internal Layout

The internal layout of the clinical departments and ward within The Balfour has been carefully thought through as part of the design development process.

Main Entrance Area

The Main Entrance area includes the main Reception Desk, a variety of waiting areas and seating, toilet facilities including adult change and baby changing and a private space for breast feeding. A small shop and the multi-faith space will also be located here. The main Switchboard will be situated behind the reception desk.

GP Practices

The Heilendi and Skerryvore GP Practices are on the ground floor near to the main entrance and are immediately visible on entering the building. Each practice maintains its own identity and patients can enter and leave quickly but also have the opportunity to use the amenities in the main entrance space including the restaurant.

The other patient services located on the ground floor are Dental, Outpatients, the Dialysis Unit, Radiology and the Emergency Department.

Outpatients and Emergency Department

The Dialysis Unit and the Emergency Department each have their own dedicated entrances with drop off zones and each can also be reached from the main entrance area.

The Emergency Department also accommodates the Mental Health Transfer Bed and its external garden area.

The Scottish Ambulance Service, NHS24 and the GP out of hours service are all co-located with the Emergency Department.

Inpatients

All inpatient areas are on the first floor and are reached from the main entrance area by way of the main staircase and the public lift.

Ward

The key design principle for the inpatient ward is to provide maximum flexibility so that inpatient beds are available in response to demand. The ward operates as a 48 bedded unit including 2 High

Dependency Unit (HDU) beds, 2 Assessment rooms, Maternity and MacMillan.

Maternity includes 2 LDPR (Labour, delivery, post partum and recovery) rooms one of which contains the birthing pool.

The 49th bedroom is the Mental Health Transfer room located in the Emergency Department.

Operating Theatres and Day Unit

The 2 Operating Theatres and the 10 bedded Day Unit complete the patient accommodation on the first floor.

Construction Update

The construction of The Balfour has been progressing ahead of programme and it is anticipated that the construction will be completed earlier than previously anticipated, with a targeted completion date of the end of February 2019.

NHS Orkney Interim Chief Executive, Gerry O'Brien has said "It is extremely good news for the people of Orkney that we can take over and prepare our new facility, The Balfour, ahead of schedule. The planning for the commissioning of the new building and the transfer of services is already well in hand and we are looking forward to taking possession of the new building earlier than expected."



Construction Progress Photos

Community Benefits



16 Existing Apprentices

16 Existing Apprentices gaining experience on the new hospital project



40 Community Engagement Activities

3 Meet the buyer events, Apprenticeship Open Day, 3 Career events, 22 school visits including both Mainland and isles, Isles pupils at Birsay event, 8 site visits, Senior citizens club Visit to Westray school (will include Papa Westray pupils), Ongoing school curriculum support activities, Activities with the Guides, School competitions primary and HS, Careers Fair at Pickaquoy.



9 New Start Apprentices

3 electrical and 3 plumbing apprentices are locals that are contracted with Mercury. 1 electrical apprentice is with Merriman.



Charity and Sponsorship

The remaining 2 are with other subcontractors working on the project.

Foodbank donations (including money for hungry babies' scheme) Football kit for team, NHS Calendar, NHS Lucky Dip & Selfie Spot at County Show and boot sale, RNLI, Girl Guides Impact Day Event, Netball Orkney, Orkney 7s, Provided use of space heaters for community Christmas Fayre at Scapa Distillery, Volunteer work for FernValley Wildlife Centre.



8 Student Work Placements

3 x Engineering
2 x Electrician
1 x Joinery and Plumbing
1 x Bricklaying and Stone masonry
1 x Roofing Placement



Local business and Social Enterprise

49 hours time bank offering for supplier engagement. Local companies are used for: Site Office/toilet/canteen cleaning, Waste Contractors, Stationary and office equipment, Hardware, Tools and Equipment Purchase & Hire, Signs and Banners, The Blide Trust cater for all our meetings, Commissioned St Colms to build site shelters, New start food van business onsite, OCTG for all external training



15 non-student work placement

15 Labouring Placements with the majority gaining employment and 2 people gaining apprenticeships. Currently offering office, management and specialised roles/trades.



Other miscellaneous

Conducted sessions with Jason Anker for all site staff and workers (Paraplegic, construction H&S speaker), Toolbox talks from Healthy Working Lives, RSPB and SNH stoat toolbox talk, Free confidential Health Checks for site workers, Kirkwall Fire Brigade CPR training sessions for site workers.



19+ New Local Jobs

19 New local jobs for previously unemployed persons: Steel Fixer, Gate Man, Site Engineer, 14 x Labourers, Community Development Coordinator. Additional jobs for locals not included: Trainee Site Manager, Site manager, Health and Safety, gateman...and more.



Restaurant

The restaurant is situated on the ground floor close to the main entrance in the new build.

There is space for 60 customers including staff, patients and public, in a friendly and relaxing environment. The restaurant will have convenient opening hours for our customers and staff. Our catering and facilities team are in the process of choosing furniture and fittings for the restaurant and we have built in USB charging points and WiFi access for our customer's convenience.

There is also an external seating area that will be available when the weather is favourable.

The restaurant will serve a range of hot and cold main courses, sweets, snacks, sandwiches, filled rolls, baked potatoes, salad bar, fresh soup, along with hot and cold beverages.

We will be building on our Silver Healthy Living Plus Award by providing healthy options and ensuring our customers have a wide selection of good food.

NHSO Fundraising Group "Give a Little, Help a Lot"



NHS Orkney has established a Fundraising Group specifically to raise funds to enable the Board to purchase items which will improve patients and staff experience but which would not be covered by the Board finances as they are not essential clinical items.

We are delighted to announce that so far we have raised £40,630.00 through various events including bag packing, bingo, carboot sales, crafts, recipe books, quiz nights, calendars and generous donations from local councils, companies and residents. The Fundraising Group have also been awarded grants from various organisations and charities.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has been involved, donated, supported and participated in all our fundraising events and look forward to meeting you again at one of our future events as we continue towards our goal!

For further information on the Fundraising Group and updates on the new build future events, please visit our page on NHS Orkney's website or follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

Partnerships Awards 2018

The new hospital and healthcare facility project has been hailed as among the world's best at a leading award ceremony. The Balfour, won silver in the best healthcare project category at the recent Partnership Awards in London.

There were six finalists from all over the world with the Orkney facility pipped to the post by the Gaziantep IHC PPP Project in Turkey.

Gerry O'Brien, Interim Chief Executive NHSO Orkney, said "For our new healthcare project to receive recognition on such an international scale and having six finalists in the category is a brilliant achievement for all involved in the project and for the people of Orkney".

Neil McCormick, Managing Director, Robertson Capital Projects, said: "The Balfour will transform healthcare for residents of Orkney and this award serves as clear recognition of the planning that has gone into ensuring the facility is truly best in class."



How can I find out more?

For further information and updates visit the New Hospital and Healthcare Facility page on NHS Orkney's website (www.ohb.scot.nhs.uk), or follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

If you have any questions or queries please contact the Project Team at: ork-hb.projectteam@nhs.net or call on 01856 888902