



ULSTER HOSPITAL CONSTRUCTION PHASE NEWSLETTER **Issue 16**

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Construction of the Acute Services Block (ASB)

Good progress has continued on the ASB building. The Concrete Frame is now complete and the Facade elements are well advanced. This includes masonry, windows, curtain walling and rain-screen cladding.



Internal Fabric & Finishes are now well underway including the M&E Installations that are one of the most important systems in the building. Fitted furniture and internal glazed screens will be starting in the next few weeks.



Current Activities & Looking Ahead

- External Masonry
- Facade Installation
- Fabric & Finishes
- Mechanical & Electrical Installations

A first for Buy Social: ASB Project honoured for excellence

The Annual Government Opportunities (GO) Excellence in Public Procurement Awards recognise public sector procurement excellence and celebrate the role public, private and third sector organisations play in supporting the delivery of public services.



This year, a new category was launched to recognise excellence in the procurement and delivery of Buy Social in Northern Ireland.

The **GO Buy Social/Sustainable Procurement Awards Northern Ireland** relates to the employment, interactions and outcomes for specific target groups such as the long-term unemployed and other disadvantaged or vulnerable target groups.

Regional Winner: Ulster Hospital ASB Project

The ASB Project Team is proud to be the first ever winner of this prestigious award (pictured above). The team was highly praised for successful partnership and collaborative initiatives which included:

- The support of 25 individuals into sustainable employment on the site through Buy Social
- Successful employment of and support to Young People in Care
- The development of bespoke Employability Programmes and workshops with a number of Buy Social support organisations
- Initiatives to support disabilities in the workplace, such as the Just a Minute (JAM) Card
- Supporting curriculum of local educational providers through site visits and work experience placements
- Outreach activities with the wider community

From Regional to National Success



The ASB Project Team - comprising of Central Procurement Department Health Projects (CPD HP), the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (SET) and the GRAHAM-Bam Healthcare Partnership (GBHP) - additionally went on to national success winning the **Highly Commended Award** at the **UK National Government Opportunities (GO) Excellence in Public Procurement Awards** (pictured above).

NRC students put theory into practice at ASB

The Ulster Hospital Acute Services Block (ASB) was delighted to recently welcome and to help support 23 students from the Northern Regional College L3 BTEC in Construction course, to develop greater understanding of how construction theory is put into practice.



Site visits to the Ulster Hospital have become a regular and important part of their curriculum, and has enabled students to follow the progress of the large construction project year after year.

As tutor Paul Crawford commented, *"These visits are extremely informative. This visit, our students especially learnt a lot about commercial construction methods and design/site constraints involved in the project, which really helps to see how things work in practice"*

Work experience in a construction site office



Steven (pictured left) is the first individual to join the GBHP team for work experience through our partnership with the NOW Group.

Steven is mid-way through a 6 week placement in the busy GBHP site office at the Ulster Hospital and is greatly enjoying learning practical skills in a range of reception and office duties.

GBHP Superheroes "Take on the Tower" and raise £1500 for Charity

5 brave GBHP staff members recently took on a Superhero-themed 190ft abseil down Belfast City Hospital's iconic yellow tower to raise money for Friends of the Cancer Centre. An amazing £1500 was raised for the charity which will help local people affected by cancer, and all our Superheroes returned unscathed!!



Pictured just before the abseil (R-L)

*Sandy Dickson,
Eddie Zambra,
Simon Gibson,
Sandra Conlane &
Francois Viljoen*

Considerate Constructors' Scheme (CCS)

The Ulster Hospital Project is registered with the Considerate Constructors' Scheme, a scheme set up with the aim to improve the image of construction.



The Ulster Hospital site has consistently maintained an extremely impressive CCS track record which has set the standards for other construction companies to follow. This is reflected in the achievement of a Gold Award and the prestigious **Most Considerate Site UK 2017**.

The Ulster Hospital (ASB) is proud to maintain an impressive score of **45/50**, rating 'exceptional' across all 5 categories of inspection.

To find out more about the Scheme, please visit www.ccscheme.org.uk

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ARTIST'S IMPRESSIONS

Eye Level View

Ariel View

Entrance

