PROJECT SHEET

Project: Neo Natal Department
Client: The Countess of Chester Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
Value: £2.8m

In October 2020 City Build completed and handed over a new building at the Countess of Chester hospital, an extension to the existing estate which now houses the Neo Natal Unit.

The new facility includes cot rooms, a high dependency unit, parents lounge, staff observation room, retreat room with mood lighting plus showers, stores and WCs. Our works included demolition of the existing structures on site before commencing the new build, and altering adjacent areas within the exiting hospital building to give access to it.

The project presented several challenges, all of which were overcome with key lessons learned. Segregation of our works was important, with the site bound on one side by the existing A&E department and on the other by a key access road (see photo). We designed and installed solid hoarding on one side of the site with heras fencing on the other, with clearly signposted access routes for deliveries and pedestrian routes for patients and staff.

Whilst on site the coronavirus pandemic hit. We worked closely and tirelessly with the Estates team, Contract Administrator, clinicians, our staff and supply chain to make our works COVID-secure, undertaking a full coronavirus-related risk assessment, implementing bespoke site operating procedures, introducing a COVID toolbox talk into our site induction, and undertaking temperature tests for all visitors to our site compound.

City Build has worked at the Countess of Chester Hospital since 2016, initially as their Measured Term Contractor but subsequently undertaking a number of capital projects. In additional to the Neo Natal building we have also just handed over the refurbished Block T, converting a former administration office into 4 bay, 15 bed clinical space.

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