

PROJECT SHEET



Project: Refurbishment of Ward 1 Dialysis Unit
Client: Wirral University Teaching Hospitals NHS FT
Project Value: c. £1.95m



Between June and December of 2022 City Build undertook a full refurbishment of Ward 1 at Arrowe Park Hospital on the Wirral. The Trust's investment had created a new space for the treatment of dialysis as to transform patient care.

The Dialysis Unit has been relocated and upgraded with new ward spaces, side rooms, and waiting areas, improving patient experience. Dialysis is used to treat patients whose kidneys do not function correctly, meaning their blood is not cleaned efficiently enough of toxins. It filters out unwanted substances by passing a patient's blood through a machine which acts like a functioning kidney. Patients receiving treatment can be on the unit for up to four hours, three days a week.

The old Dialysis Unit was opened at Arrowe Park 28 years ago. The upgrade is one of several major developments at Arrowe Park Hospital and Clatterbridge Hospital to enhance experience for patients, several of which have been undertaken by City Build.



Janelle Holmes, Chief Executive, Dr Nikki Stevenson, Medical Director, and Paul Scragg, Associate Director of Estates, Engineering and Capital Delivery at the Trust visited the ward to officially open the new space. Janelle said: "I am pleased that we've been able to provide capital investment to improve patient experience, in line with our commitments in our patient experience strategy. Dialysis patients are regular attendees at Arrowe Park Hospital and providing an improved and modern environment with all the latest equipment is important for their long-term needs."



Karen Schutheis, Ward Sister in the Dialysis Unit, joined the nursing staff on the dialysis unit in 1997 and has worked on the ward ever since. Karen said: "I have worked through every reinvention of the Dialysis Unit we have had at the Trust. To now be able to give patients a brand-new space is amazing, and I know it will make a huge difference to both patients, families, and staff."

I would like to personally thank all those involved in the project and thank my colleagues for the hard work and dedication they show treating patients on the unit."

Pictured Left to right: Dr Nikki Stevenson, Medical Director; Janelle Holmes, Chief Executive and Paul Scragg, Associate Director of Estates, Engineering and Capital Delivery. Photo courtesy of Wirral Teaching Hospitals NHS FT.