

# *Birmingham New Hospitals Project*

## *Key information*

*Capex*     **£553 million**

*Staff*     **10,600 (over two Trusts)**

*Beds*     **1353**

*Area*     **185,000m<sup>2</sup>**

## ***Introduction***

Consort Healthcare (Birmingham), the concession company awarded the 40-year, £553 million contract for Birmingham New Hospitals Project. Financial close was reached in June 2006.

Balfour Beatty's shareholding is 40%. Our two shareholder partners are Royal Bank Projects 30% and HSBC Investment Management 30%. Balfour Beatty's total committed investment is £23 million which will be injected between 2009 and 2010.

Financing type: Bond

## ***Project overview***

- Relocates most of south Birmingham's key clinical and mental health facilities to a single site.
- Construction work is being undertaken through a joint venture between Balfour Beatty Construction and Haden Young over a 62 month period.
- Consort Healthcare (Birmingham) is responsible for the facilities management services at the hospitals. This has been subcontracted to Balfour Beatty WorkPlace, the Balfour Beatty group facilities management company.



## ***Healthcare Science Forum***

This forum was held to support the University Hospital Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust's (UHBFT) in encouraging pupils to study healthcare science and enter into healthcare science careers to meet the future demand for healthcare science staff. In addition it aimed to bring together the UHBFT and teachers from local schools to develop ideas of how the two parties can practically and successfully work together to support healthcare science careers and the curriculum.

The forum took place after school to make it easier for teachers to attend. The evaluations from the day clearly showed that the day was extremely successful in raising teachers' awareness of the variety of roles in healthcare science, the future industry demands and how the new acute hospital (part of the Birmingham New Hospitals Project) will modernise the current service and will give rise to a demand for healthcare science professionals. The UHBFT found the day extremely useful because it raised their awareness of the way in which schools work. The forum has benefited both schools and the UHBFT because it has generated real practical ways that they can work together in supporting healthcare science careers and curriculum.

A representative science teacher from 10 local secondary schools took part in the forum. Connexions were also present. A summary of ideas relating to curriculum and careers support was developed during the forum and some of these ideas are now being developed.

*"We are now on the brink of one of the most **exciting developments ever seen in healthcare.** When we open in 2010 we will have the most up-to-date hospital facilities in Europe, if not the world."*

*John Charlton, Former Chairman of University Hospital Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust*