



## ***Introduction***

Consort Healthcare, the concession company awarded the 35-year, £311 million contract to design, build, finance and operate new hospitals at Wakefield (Pinderfields) and Pontefract.

Balfour Beatty's shareholding is 50%. Our 50% shareholder partner is Royal Bank Project Investments Ltd.

Financing type: Bond

## ***Project overview***

- Will deliver a new acute inpatient hospital in Wakefield on the existing Pinderfields Hospital site and a new Diagnostic and Treatment Centre in Pontefract.
- It is expected that the new Pontefract Hospital will open in 2009 and that the new Pinderfields Hospital will open in 2009/10.
- For the first time, soft services staff will be remaining as NHS employees and seconded to Balfour Beatty WorkPlace, rather than having a traditional TUPE arrangement.
- Construction work is being undertaken through a joint venture between Balfour Beatty Construction and Haden Young.



## ***In the new hospitals***

- General patient wards will be made up of a minimum of 50% single rooms as well as bays of four beds. Every single room and bay will have en-suite facilities to improve privacy and dignity for patients.
- All the single rooms and bays will have windows giving natural daylight, fresh air and outside views.
- There will be landscaped areas, grounds and gardens for patients, carers, staff and visitors to enjoy.
- The designs fully recognise the needs of disabled people and also patients and visitors with sensory disabilities.
- There will be excellent access both into and around the sites and the flexibility of the designs provide opportunities for future expansion.
- The buildings will be easy for patients, staff and visitors to use and move around in. They will have modern equipment and technology to improve the patient experience.

*"This is great news for both the Trust and the local community. We already have an excellent, modern hospital in Dewsbury and now we have the go ahead from the council's planning department **for two new state-of-the-art hospitals in Pontefract and Wakefield.** Once complete the new hospitals will make a tremendous difference to both patients and staff."*

*Miles Timperley, Former Hospitals Development Project Director*