

Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh



Key information

Capex **£220 million**
Staff **8200**

Beds **872**
Area **130,000m²**

Introduction

Consort Healthcare (Edinburgh), the concession company awarded in 1998 the 30-year, £220 million contract to design and build the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh and then to provide facilities management and non-clinical services associated with the hospital.

Balfour Beatty's shareholding is 73.9%. Our 26.1% shareholder partner is I2. At 31st December 2005 Balfour Beatty had invested all its £40 million of committed investment.

Financing type: Debt



Project overview

- One of the largest hospital projects in Tranche 1 of the UK Government's PFI hospitals programme.
- Relocated four existing sites onto one new site.
- 54 month construction programme was completed on time in December 2002, with a phased opening for patient transfer completed by Easter 2003.
- Routine maintenance and the provision of non-clinical services to the hospital are sub-contracted to Balfour Beatty WorkPlace, the Balfour Beatty group facilities management company.

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The clinical services and building estate at this world renowned hospital and medical school had become difficult to operate effectively and efficiently and their configuration was straining to provide modern healthcare and meet modern standards. Clinical services and clinical specialities were split across a number of sites with most housed in inflexible and deteriorating buildings, many of them Victorian.

Clinical adjacencies were poor and in many cases related medical and surgical specialities were provided at different sites – cardiac medicine and surgery for example.

The Consort Healthcare solution provided:

- all new hospital accommodation;
- brought together relevant specialities and services;
- significantly improved clinical adjacencies and patient and clinical pathways;
- promoted the symbiotic dependencies between the hospital and the medical school by incorporating on site teaching and research accommodation;
- pioneered the segregation of flows of patients, visitors and supplies/facilities management, including a basement level street to allow supplies to be fed directly to each part of the hospital;
- rationalised approach routes to the hospital and incorporated a transport interchange on the site;
- improved clinical services and the patient experience.

“Consort Healthcare were incredibly helpful to us all, especially to me, as a manager on a brand new site. Any problem we had, we went to Consort Healthcare and they sorted it out.”

Kathryn Stewart, Superintendent Radiologist, Royal Infirmary Edinburgh