

PRESS RELEASE

SWANKE HAYDEN CONNELL ARCHITECTS WINS JOB AT RAMPTON HOSPITAL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE, ENGLAND

Swanke Hayden Connell Architects (SHCA) has been commissioned by Nottinghamshire Healthcare to deliver a new learning, development and conference centre on the Rampton Hospital site.

This is the sixth major commission from the Trust for SHCA at Rampton Hospital. This latest win sees SHCA working with this valued Client, to design a new building which will further enhance the Hospital's national and international reputation within specialist psychiatric services.

The new building will provide high-tech educational and learning facilities for face-to-face teaching as well as remote learning.

The centre will also provide first class conference and meeting facilities designed to attract those organising high level events and seminars to the Hospital.

Mike Chapman, director of SHCA's Sheffield office said:

"We have worked with the staff at Rampton Hospital and Nottinghamshire Healthcare for a number of years, and we have a complete understanding of the delicate balancing act between security and functionality that the Hospital and its buildings have to perform".

"The new learning, development and conference centre is essential for underpinning the Hospital's status as a centre of excellence for both clinical and support services. The new conference hosting facilities will play a major role in promoting the Hospital and Trust on a global scale".

"The commission follows a number of projects our practice has delivered for the Trust. Rampton Hospital was recently awarded a commendation in the Health Business Awards for a unit which we designed. The award recognised new hospital building projects that raise the standard of the healthcare environment and demonstrate value for money and excellence in project management."

The contract to provide the learning, development and conference centre is being managed by the Trust's own Capital Planning Unit through the Government's NHS capital project procurement system ProCure21. Laing O'Rourke are the Principle Supply Chain Partner.

The facility is expected to be completed by 2010.

Nottinghamshire Healthcare is one of the country's leading mental health and learning disability service providers. The Trust provides mental health and learning disability services to the whole of Nottinghamshire.

Services currently provided by the Trust include:

- Forensic Mental Health
- Adult Mental Health
- Alcohol and Drug Misuse
- Mental Health for Older People
- Mental Health For Children
- People with Learning Disabilities

These services are provided in a variety of settings, from community psychiatric settings through to acute wards as well as low, medium and high secure provision. The Trust manages two medium secure units, Arnold Lodge in Leicester and Wathwood Hospital in Rotherham as well as the high secure Rampton Hospital near Retford. The Trust provides services from more than 100 sites, with 6,000 staff and a revenue income of £293 million for the 09/10 year.