

BAMBURGH CLINIC ADULT FORENSIC UNIT ST NICHOLAS HOSPITAL NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE, UK



Bamburgh Clinic Adult Forensic Unit

A new build 41 bed combined medium secure unit and personality disorder unit on the main Northumberland Tyne and Wear Mental Health NHS Trust site in Gosforth.

This project was phase 2 of a strategic review of the existing hospital under a Procure 21 framework agreement.

The secure forensic adult psychiatry facility comprises a 3000sqm new build housing a 25 bed medium secure unit and a 16 bed personality disorder unit and both have shared day facilities off ward.

The design concept uses the building to create secure boundaries for landscaped courtyards therefore minimising the use of high fences for security and creating a noninstitutional therapeutic environment.

Support services include, a controlled reception, cafe, secure outdoor recreation area, meeting and interview rooms, tribunal accommodation and clinical staff offices.

The Bamburgh Clinic is the first of five high profile national pilot schemes initiated by the Department of Health and is featured on the SHINE website as an example of a good sustainable, therapeutic and nonstigmatising mental health unit.

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Sector:
Mental Health

Client:
Laing O'Rourke
Northumberland Tyne and Wear NHS Trust

Role:
Lead Consultant, Healthcare Planner,
Architect, Interior Design, Landscape
Architecture

Value:
£15.5m

Status:
Completed 2006

Awards::
RIBA Awards, North East England
Regional Winner 2008
Building Better Healthcare Awards 2006
'Best Mental Health Design'