

ROSE LODGE ASSESSMENT & TREATMENT CENTRE HEBBURN GATESHEAD AND SOUTH TYNESIDE, UK



Rose Lodge, Assessment & Treatment Centre

The aim of the service is to provide specialist short-term inpatient assessment and treatment for working-age adults with a range of learning disabilities and mental health problems.

This new build specialist centre will offer a high quality, therapeutic environment for clients and an enviable working environment for staff. The scheme offers 12 bedrooms for three different user groups:

Acute, Complex Needs and Ready-to-Go. The bed ratios are 3:3:6 although the inclusion of swing bedrooms allows some flexibility of admissions. The layout clearly identifies separation between the three user groups but not isolation from each other. Activity and day spaces are located between the wards to nurture interaction, where appropriate, while space is available for quiet and therapy rooms elsewhere. Dedicated areas have been identified for female patients.

Located within a mature landscaped site and designed around a courtyard, the layout of the building offers generous access to outdoor space; both the wider extent of the site which includes seasonal patient gardens and a 'trim trail' for accompanied exercise. The courtyard allows good observation and clear wayfinding internally whilst the architectural feature of the green spine wall provides the distinction between staff areas from patient areas and clearly identifies the entrance to the building upon approach.

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Sector:
Mental Health

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

Role:
Lead Consultant, Architect, Interior Design,
Landscape Architect.

Value:
£6.1m

Status:
Completed 2009