

BRYNHYFRYD PRIMARY CARE CENTRE, SWANSEA



LOCATION: SWANSEA
CLIENT: THE HEALTHCARE PROPERTY COMPANY LTD
VALUE: £ 2.4M
COMPLETION: 2017
SERVICE: ARCHITECTURE
SECTOR: HEALTHCARE
CONTRACTOR: WRW LTD
LANDSCAPE: AUSTIN-SMITH:LORD
STRUCTURES: ROGER CASEY ASSOCIATES
SERVICES: VITEC CONSULTING
COST CONSULTANT: RICHARD BOOTHROYD ASSOCIATES

The new Brynhyfyd Primary Care Centre replaces the nearby existing Brynhyfyd Surgery on Llangyfelaach Road, north Swansea, with new high quality premises that serves to secure better health outcomes and improved access to services for patients.

The accommodation includes Brynhyfyd Surgery, a treatment room and support spaces for Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board, shared waiting space and a pharmacy.



The vision was to make a legible, inclusive and sustainable community facility. The primary care centre is a facility that is welcoming to patients and easy to use. The public spaces have a relaxed atmosphere. The working environment is equally important and follows best practice in environmental design. The layout and working environment engender efficiency.

The site is relatively long and narrow. In order to maximise parking the building naturally sits at the northern end of the site with public entrance and pharmacy facing the car park and approach from Llangyfelaach Road. A new area of parking is provided within the site boundary as an extension to the existing public car park.

The building is a shared facility between Brynhyfyd Surgery, the Health Board and a pharmacy. Legibility is important to create a stress free patient environment and facilitate management efficiency.

The layout is arranged to make primary circulation intuitive with minimal reliance on signage. The building is arranged around a shared waiting space supervised from the reception desk and directly accessed from the main entrance. Patient security and confidence is enabled by this open and accessible space.

Public facilities are located on the ground floor for ease of access and management. Staff accommodation is on the first floor. Brynhyfyd Surgery and staff facilities are placed in a two storey block parallel to the eastern boundary. The pharmacy, Health Board treatment room and support spaces and ancillary facilities are accommodated in a wider single storey block parallel to the western boundary. Between the two blocks is a wedge shaped waiting area with the Surgery's treatment room and ops room on the northern edge.

The approach to sustainability was to minimise the energy demands of the building, use renewable energy sources as appropriate, maintain a low carbon footprint and specify "green" materials. The building achieved a BREEAM 'Very Good' rating.