

VALE OF NEATH PRIMARY CARE CENTRE, GLYNNEATH



LOCATION: GLYNNEATH, VALE OF NEATH
CLIENT: THE HEALTHCARE PROPERTY COMPANY LTD
VALUE: £ 2.9M
SIZE: 1525M ²
COMPLETION: 2019
SERVICE: ARCHITECTURE, LANDSCAPE
SECTOR: HEALTHCARE
CONTRACTOR: JOHN WEAVER CONSTRUCTION
LANDSCAPE: AUSTIN-SMITH:LORD
STRUCTURES: ROGER CASEY ASSOCIATES
SERVICES: SABA
COST CONSULTANT: FAITHFUL & GOULD

The new Primary Care Centre is a community based centre for delivery of GP and NHS services to the Upper Neath Valley which includes the settlements of Resolven, Cwmgwgrach, Blaengwrach and Glynneath.

It replaces two nearby existing GP Surgeries in Glynneath and Resolven, with new high quality premises that serves to secure better health outcomes and improved access to services for patients. The accommodation includes a combined Glynneath and Resolven Surgery, a treatment room and support spaces for Swansea Bay 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 (PCC) is a facility that is welcoming to patients and easy to use. Its approaches are clear whether the patient arrives on foot, by cycle, bus or car. The public spaces have a relaxed atmosphere. The working environment is equally important. It follows best practice in environmental design. The layout and working environment also engenders efficiency.

The site is secluded and quiet affording a calm environment for the PCC. It does however have a presence on the approach from Glynneath and on the approach from the south. The site is relatively large although is constrained by a non-developable area to its perimeter. In order to maximise parking the building is sited at the eastern end of the site with public entrance and pharmacy facing the car park and approach from the new site entrance from Glyn Neath Road.

The building is a shared facility between Glynneath Surgery, the Health Board and a pharmacy.

The layout follows the southern and eastern boundaries of the site creating an 'L' shaped plan. 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 two building entrances. Patient security and confidence is enabled by this open and accessible space.

The reception, patient waiting area and facilities are located in an east-west orientated block with treatment rooms located on a north-south axis following the eastern boundary of the site. The Pharmacy is located as an annexe to the main building with its main entrance directly opposite the PCC entrance.

Public facilities are located on the ground floor for ease of access and management. Staff accommodation is on the first floor above the patient waiting area with Health Board accommodation and further treatment rooms above the Surgery Treatment rooms.