

Pathfinders, Phase 2, Newark



Scope:

Construction of a 2 storey 27 bedroom extension

Client:

Bikow Developments

Value:

£1.8m

Completion:

November 2013

Services Provided by J Tomlinson:

Construction

Project Background

Pathfinders provide specialist care for people with complex care needs from slow stream rehabilitation through to end-of-life care. Their purpose-built Neurological Care Centre is located within the Sherwood Forest Energy Village, just a short distance away from the local community, ensuring that service users can maintain independence for as long as possible. Due to increased demand at the facility, the client needed to increase bed space at the care home by 27 beds to avoid turning away prospective service users. The existing building did not have the capacity to allow for the extra beds so an extension was required to accommodate the client's additional requirements.



J Tomlinson's Solution

J Tomlinson was appointed as main contractor following a competitive tender process. Upon appointment we worked closely with the client and their design team to ensure the project met the programme and was completed within time and on budget. The agreed traditional masonry 2 storey extension construction undertaken by J Tomlinson closely replicated the Phase 1 construction to ensure the building retained its unity. Through close collaboration with the client, J Tomlinson ensured the existing facility remained fully operational throughout the entire works. This was a genuine achievement due to the sensitive nature of the Unit operations and close proximity of the existing building to the new build site. The completed scheme generated a twenty-seven bedroom extension to the existing unit facilities, providing care for fifty-three patients. The extension to Pathfinders became fully operational on 1st November 2013 with a grand opening for staff and service users on 16th November 2013.



Project Achievements

J TOMLINSON EXCELLED IN CUSTOMER SERVICE - resulting in commendation and consideration as supplier for the forthcoming future works.

MINIMAL IMPACT ON EXISTING OPERATIONS - whilst achieving on time delivery.

THE PROJECT WAS COMPLETED ON TIME AND ON BUDGET - despite some challenging weather and operational conditions during the early stages of construction.

COMMENDATION FROM CLIENT & CARE QUALITY COMMISSION - J Tomlinson's Site Manager, Brian Quinn, received special praise from the client. Dr Angela Nall of Pathfinders said "Brian has been unflinching in his consideration to ensure staff and residents weren't unduly disrupted or disturbed throughout the extension construction. This aspect of the work is quite different to just ensuring bricks and mortar are in place, and has meant a great deal to our staff responsible for providing a 24/7 High Dependency care service. When the Care Quality Commission undertook their unannounced inspection of the unit, they were particularly impressed with the way J Tomlinson had handled this aspect of the new build."

