



£3.5M Robin Hood Lane Health Centre, Sutton

Client

Cathedral Healthcare Limited

Duration

2006 - 2008

Value

£3.5M

Services

Architect

Contract

JCT 98 WCD

calfordseaden was appointed to provide services for this exemplar healthcare scheme providing a 1800m² replacement building for two GP's Practices. We were also commissioned to design a temporary health centre on a local park (a designated public open space). This required sensitive discussions with the planning authority resulting in a temporary planning permission for the duration of the construction of the new building and its full occupation.

The Robin Hood Lane Health Centre had a design generation period of over six years. During that period the basic design had to adjust to accommodate a series of alternative users, a revolution in the way health services were to be delivered, changes in legislation, technology and the impact on health delivery due to MRSA and C Difficile.

Before starting work on the scheme we undertook extensive consultation with the developer, Cathedral Healthcare, the NHS Trust, the doctors practice managers, representatives of community health and other specialists.

The finished building accommodates an integrated range of services though the profile is vastly different to that originally envisaged. The two GP Practices now work together sharing community services, such as health visitors, district nurses and school visitors, PCT offices and suites related to minor operations, audiology, speech therapy, podiatry and retinal screening. The project was such a success that, we went on to design and build another health care centre in Sheerness with the same design team and contractor.

Our collaborative working approach throughout this scheme resulted in the following quote from Victor Newman, Director, Cathedral Healthcare (PM) Ltd: *'From the outset you have been, in my opinion, exemplary in your approach to the whole project. We have found you are always positive in the face of challenging issues that may occur along the way, flexible in your approach to multi user consultation and practical in your application of the complex and matrix needs particularly found in primary health care projects.'*

