

CREATING AND CARING FOR ESSENTIAL HEALTHCARE FACILITIES

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Consort Healthcare (Birmingham) is the concession company awarded the 40 year contract for Birmingham New Hospitals Project. Financial Close was reached in June 2006.

Balfour Beatty's shareholding is 40%. Our two shareholder partners are Royal Bank Projects (30%) and HSBC Investment Management (30%). Balfour Beatty's total committed investment is £23 million injected between 2009 and 2010.

Consort
healthcare

Capex	£542 million
Staff	10,600 (over two Trusts)
Beds	1,353
Area	185,000m ²
Financing type	Bond

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PROJECT OVERVIEW

- Relocates most of south Birmingham's key clinical and mental health facilities to a single site.
- Construction work is being undertaken through a joint venture between Balfour Beatty Construction and Balfour Beatty Engineering Services over a 62 month period.
- Consort Healthcare (Birmingham) is responsible for the facilities management services at the hospitals. This has been subcontracted to Balfour Beatty WorkPlace, the Balfour Beatty Group facilities management company.

HEALTHCARE SCIENCE FORUM

This forum was held to support the University Hospital Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust's (UHBFT) in encouraging pupils to study healthcare science and enter into healthcare science careers to meet the future demand for healthcare science staff. In addition it aimed to bring together the UHBFT and teachers from local schools to develop ideas of how the two parties can practically and successfully work together to support healthcare science careers and the curriculum.

The forum took place after school to make it easier for teachers to attend. The evaluations from the day clearly showed that the day was extremely successful in raising teachers' awareness of the variety of roles in healthcare science, the future industry demands and how the new acute hospital (part of the Birmingham New Hospitals Project) will modernise the current service and will give rise to a demand for healthcare science professionals. The UHBFT found the day extremely useful because it raised their awareness of the way in which schools work. The forum has benefited both schools and the UHBFT because it has generated real practical ways that they can work together in supporting healthcare science careers and curriculum.

A representative science teacher from 10 local secondary schools took part in the forum. Connexions was also present. A summary of ideas relating to curriculum and careers support was developed during the forum and some of these ideas are now being developed.

