

Location:
Stanley, Falkland Islands

Value:
£10M

“Your can do attitude and comprehensive knowledge was really beneficial to the success of this project”

Anna Spain, Project Director, Falklands Islands Government



The Brief

Following a successful bidding process One have been commissioned to provide RIBA Stages 2-7, concept through to delivery for a new vulnerable persons extra care facility in the Falkland Islands. The designs needed to be both attractive and non-institutional in presentation and deliver the highest standards for both living with a disability and for people in need of dementia care.

The new facility is intended as a focal point for a new model of care to serve the people of the Falkland Islands and developing a new way forward for their aging and vulnerable population.



Project Overview

The Falkland Islands, Stanley, is a picturesque island with unhindered views of the South Atlantic Ocean which provides the perfect setting for an architecture of healthcare that is both contemporary yet respectful to the sensitive surrounding.

A team from One visited the Falkland Islands to undertake an intensive week of site visits, stakeholder meetings and workshops which proved to be extremely constructive for all parties and these activities formed the basis of a robust brief.

The design of the facility needed to create a welcoming atmosphere in an environment that could not only be enjoyed by the residents but also by the wider community. The feasibility study findings demonstrated that an innovative 3600m² single storey care facility could in fact successfully be delivered on site using a modular construction system within budget.

The building has been designed with wings that have been arranged to maximise the number of apartments with a sea view. Physically separating the winged clusters gives rise to relaxing 'wing lounges', areas that the residents and others can spend time in and interact. These areas are designed to be near Accessible WC's so that the travel distance is limited, making it easier for residents to locate a nearby WC. At the end of each wing, you can access various zones of the landscaped gardens, all designed with a wandering loop in mind so that the residents do not get confused or lost on their relaxing walks. Additionally, all wings lead back to the core of the building where there are communal spaces which include a cinema room/multi-purpose room, activity area, a hair and beauty salon, a café and a restaurant. Designed to be flexible the multi-purpose room and activity room can be combined to create a larger area, perfect for public events.

A carefully selected palette of materials allowed for the design to aid in way finding whilst also creating a warm, domestic and homely atmosphere to re-inforce the independence that is desired from the user group. Set in landscaped gardens and consisting of the required 29 apartments and 8 nursed bedrooms including associated staff, community and ancillary services, it will provide an attractive non-institutionalised environment delivering the highest standards for those with disability and higher end needs while also being an activity hub for the wider community.



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