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## Mary Stevens Hospice - Day Unit & Therapy Suite Stourbridge

Mary Stevens Hospice opened 27 years ago and is situated within the grounds of the Mary Stevens Maternity Home built in the 1930's by the local philanthropist Ernest Stevens.

The In Patient Unit of the Hospice was refurbished by KKE Architects in 2015. The most recent phase of the works shown here has been to address the remainder of the site including the Day service and Therapy departments.

The requirement of this project has been provoked by the fact that the number of Day Care Unit patient attendances have increased dramatically with many of the patients now having highly complex needs which need to be attended to. The work aimed to increase capacity and future proof the current services and provide additional treatments previously not available.

The Day Hospice's interior was out of date and needed to be refurbished. Bathroom facilities needed to be enlarged and upgraded to take larger wheelchairs, and the dining facilities need to be enlarged to enable more patients to enjoy hot meals during visits. The Outpatient department has also been increased to provide additional clinical activities at home for users. The layout of the development dedicates the entire ground floor to the Day Hospice and Outpatients users with a newly refurbished reception between the two departments.

As part of the works an additional first floor was created on top of the existing building reusing the land efficiently and creating connected spaces between the patient support services and service users. The frame is of light weight construction using a structural steel frame with insulated non structural timber frame infill. The building is of a natural vent philosophy using large upper floor roof lights and night purging to control temperature. The building was also designed to bring in natural day light and fresh air to all spaces. In addition to natural vent roof lights the Day Hospice's main room is air conditioned and connection to heat recovery units enables a quick temperature change if required due to the symptoms of the complex illnesses some users have. The new building now reflects the modern and professional services undertaken by the charity and provides additional space for future expansion.

The works and new services now provided consist of: a family and children's bereavement support services, a family apartment to help support family members who wish to stay nearby, new accessible Wc facilities have been re-worked to allow for large electric wheel chairs, provide ceiling mounted hoists and automatic wash and dry toilets to increase the dignity and empowerment to the users. 3 large new therapy rooms with mood lighting music and ceiling hoists for massage and physiotherapy, a multi faith sacred space for discussion groups and spiritual care, blood transfusion service, accessible Spa Room with aromatherapy suite and a Hair dressing department have also been provided.

