

Belfast Maternity Unit, Royal Victoria Hospital

Building the future of modern maternity care

£57m

/ Project value

November 2017

/ The build commenced

October 2021

/ The duration

We have the privilege of revolutionising the care of more than 6000 women who have their babies delivered by the Royal Jubilee Maternity Service each year, through the construction of a new maternity unit within the Royal Victoria Hospital. Delivered as part of the GRAHAM-BAM Partnership, the project, which is valued at c£57m, and expected for completion in October 2021, involves the construction of a new Maternity Hospital and a connecting link corridor to the new unit of the existing Hospital.

The Brief

In order to meet the growing maternity demands of its patients, the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust required a state-of-the-art Maternity Hospital that would replace the existing aging and cramped accommodation.



“The new building will be a friendly and welcoming environment with state-of-the-art facilities and more choice, to better meet the needs of the women who will use it”

Ron Clarke
Managing Director for Building at GRAHAM

“We look forward to working with our partners GRAHAM-BAM to create a high quality, modern Maternity Hospital that will help enable us to deliver quality care designed to meet the needs of more than 6000 women who have their babies delivered by the Royal Jubilee Maternity Service each year”

Karen Brookes
Director of Capital Planning and Redevelopment, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust

The Challenges

Construction work is taking place within a busy acute hospital complex and adjacent to ward blocks, theatres, ambulatory passages, staff, patient and public access routes. Therefore, an empathetic approach, involving close stakeholder engagement with the Trust’s management and the Hospital’s stakeholders, is central to our building methodology. Robust logistical coordination, adherence to infection prevention processes and rigorous noise and dust attenuation measures will all be established throughout the project.

GRAHAM’s added value solution

Based on a 202-week programme, the construction of the new Maternity Hospital represents the future of maternity care for Belfast. Built adjacent to the existing Maternity Hospital, it will provide a welcoming and uplifting environment that will ensure the safety of mothers and babies - from those without complications to those who require additional services and support. The first phase of the project, over a three-period, will involve the construction of the new Maternity Hospital. A six-month decantation period will then facilitate the seamless transition from the old building into the new, state-of-the-art complex before a six-month programme will enable the demolition of the old building and the construction of a two-storey elevated link to the main Hospital. The £57m project will support the creation of a new Midwife Led Unit, which will have en-suite rooms, each with birthing pools. Delivery suites, obstetric theatres and a neonatal intensive care unit, all based on one floor to allow easy access between one another, are additional facets of this scheme.

Outputs & Benefits

Transforming Care: The new unit will revolutionise the care of more than 6000 women who have their babies delivered by the Royal Jubilee Maternity Service each year

Innovation: The new unit will be equipped with state-of-the-art, modern facilities

Trusted by the Trust: In addition to the Maternity Hospital we are also working on a new £30m mental health facility at Belfast City Hospital



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