

Case Study

Redevelopment of a disused school building

SNAPDRAGONS CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE KENT

Investment (£)	£3.1 million
Start date	August 2016
Completion date	August 2017
Number of storeys	1
Size	1,200 sqm
Architect	GPM2
Surveyors	GPM
Construction company	Electrical & Plumbing Company Ltd (EPCO)
NHSPS lead	Catherine Webster

Customer Feedback

"We're really pleased with the way NHS Property Services has delivered this important new building. It will help improve access and support to health services for children and young people. By working closely with our partners and making the best use of available resources, Medway has a new centre that delivers for our community."

Caroline Selkirk

Accountable Officer, Medway CCG

"We are thrilled at the completion of the new centre. The centre will see hospital and other care professionals working side-by-side in a facility specially designed to provide integrated care to meet the multiple healthcare needs of young patients, and families, with exceptional quality and efficiency. It will improve the way we deliver our care and the overall experience for both our patients, their families and/or carers – a brilliant and much needed step in the right direction for all."

Karen McIntyre

Co-director of Clinical Operations (Families and Clinical Support Services Directorate) at Medway NHS Foundation Trust

The Challenge

The Child Development Centre scheme in Medway was commissioned by Medway CCG to establish a purpose-built facility for the provision of specialist health services for children and young people with a range of disabilities in the Medway community, through the refurbishment and redevelopment of an existing, disused school.

The Solution

We funded the purchase of part of the disused Temple Hill School from Medway Council and its refurbishment since it needed significant modification to be suitable for clinical use. The old gym was demolished and the renovation occurred in part of the science block of the old school. We worked closely with Medway CCG, Medway Community Healthcare, Medway Council and Medway Foundation NHS Trust to ensure the new facility suited the needs of children and young people with a range of disabilities in the local community. Service users were also engaged on how the environment should look and what the centre should be called.

The Result

The project was completed on schedule with compliments on the standard of work from all stakeholders and services users. The centre has provided modern, spacious clinical facilities, a reception and waiting area, consulting rooms, plaster and weighing rooms, a nursery and soft play and sensory facilities, much to the delight of our customers. A key success of this redevelopment project was in our co-ordination of over seven stakeholders

Catherine Webster, Senior Construction Manager at NHS Property Services, said *"It's very exciting, superb new facility. We'd like to thank all our partners for their hard work on this project, which has been delivered to a high specification and standard and will make a real difference to so many young people and their families."*