



## Key Facts

### Post-Occupancy evaluation and positive impact:

All of the original business case benefits have been realised with feedback currently being captured through the ProCure 22 Post Occupancy Evaluation (POE) Toolkit Pilot, measuring benefits across the 3 GSL areas of Social, Environment and Financial.

Over 120 Service Users and Staff have participated in the POE Pilot, with the Initial findings indicate shorter lengths of stay, reduced incidents of violence + aggression, increased patient experience satisfaction, significant energy savings and improved staff recruitment, retention and satisfaction.

Phase 2 of Atherleigh Park benefitted from the P21+ Repeatable Rooms, with local adaptations and enhancements to meet their specific needs.



## Project Description

Atherleigh Park represents a major transformation in the care pathway and overall estate rationalisation for North West Boroughs Healthcare (formerly 5 Boroughs Partnership) located in the heart of the Leigh community it serves. This ambitious flagship design was led from the outset by service users and staff, who have worked tirelessly with the Kier team to achieve what is already widely recognised as an exemplar for the future of mental health design

The local community, service users, carers and front-line staff were fully integrated in the site selection process, this collaboration continued through the design and business case stages to the detailed decisions around interior design and art.

The completed facility provides high quality inpatient services for adults suffering from mental ill health as well as patients with dementia and memory conditions. The facility comprises of 8 Bed PICU, 40 Bed Working Age Adult and 38 bed later Life Memory Service together with a central coffee shop, nature and trim trails, a dedicated sports hall and gym together with relaxation rooms, therapy rooms and activity gardens for each and every ward.

Whilst applying evidence based guidance, several innovative collaborative stakeholder events were undertaken including the design and construction team working closely with clinical staff to test 'a day in the life of' activities within key rooms mocked up on site to fully optimise layouts and details.

All departments were designed to maximise the use of both internal courtyard gardens (of which there are 8 in total, 2 for each ward), and the external public realm. Within the public realm and shared spaces, service users, staff and visitors can safely interact in a place where the provision of care and support is balanced with an ability to integrate and blend with the everyday life of the community, with an ambition to aid rehabilitation and recovery and continue to de-stigmatise mental health.

## Facts and figures

- **Project name**  
Atherleigh Park
- **Location**  
Leigh
- **NHS Client**  
North West Boroughs Healthcare  
NHS Foundation Trust
- **Principal Supply Chain Partner**  
Kier Health
- **Contract value**  
£40 million
- **Building size**  
7,941 m<sup>2</sup>
- **Start on site**  
January 2015
- **Completion**  
January 2017

"A joy to work in, good for patient morale and for their feelings." "Keeps people connected to the outside world."

**Duncan Cartledge,**  
**Assistant Clinical Director.**

"The reception area is inspiring whilst also being welcoming the facility really supports both service user and staff well-being, from the moment you step in the front door."

**Elaine Smith,**  
**Consultant psychologist.**