

## Community Delivered Care



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**April 2021**  
Start on Site

**October 2021**  
Practical Completion

- Reconfiguration and refurbishment of an existing ward
- Creation of the only oncology specific in-patient ward located in Lancashire and South Cumbria
- Close support of the Rosemere Cancer Foundation raising £6,000 to further enhance the patient experience.

# Oncology Ward, Royal Preston Hospital, Ribblesdale

Ribblesdale ward at the Royal Preston Hospital is the only in-patient oncology specific ward in Lancashire and South Cumbria, supporting patients with a wide range of clinical needs and end-of-life care.



The project involved the renovation, reconfiguration and refurbishment of the existing ward to create a modern more aesthetically pleasing and comfortable environment for patients and their visitors.

The reconfigured ward provides 24 beds split between 7 single rooms, 3 with drop down relative beds, a double room, a double teen room, 2 three bedrooms and a five bedroom all with en-suite facilities.

In addition to patient care, relatives and loved ones have access to a relative room, finished with sofas, TV unit, bean bags, digital wall prints and kitchen area.

A quiet room, suitable for all patients has been designed to offer a calm environment for patients away from the clinical and busy ward environment in addition to a day room equipped with armchairs and TV.

Staff areas include offices and admin areas, clean and dirty utility rooms, kitchen, staff room and storage rooms.

The patient bathroom has a special assessable 'Arjo' bath and fibre optic twinkle light ceiling panel to provide a sensory experience.

The interior and finishes to the new ward have been inspired by nature with bespoke feature back lit art panels, floor vectors and 'Sky-lights' that can be tailored to the time of day, promoting positive wellbeing.

## Close Liaison with Clinical Staff

For the connection of both clean and wastewater services to the new facilities, our team required access to the rooms directly below. Liaising closely with the hospital we were able to carry out the works 'out of normal' hospital operating hours and sequence the connections minimising disruption.

In addition, our material deliveries had to be sequenced closely with the hospital due to the need to use the 'blue light' route. Our team were in daily communication with the clinical teams in terms of timing and sequencing deliveries in order to co-ordinate where we would not cause undue intrusion to emergency vehicles.

## Social Value Commitment

In addition to supporting the Rosement Cancer Foundation in their fundraising as the project drew to completion, our team further donated an entertainment package for the ward consisting of 32" flat screened TVs installed in all of the single rooms, 40" flat screen TV and Xbox installed in the teen room and a 50" TV in the Day room. In addition, PC World where we purchased the televisions donated a Nintendo switch for the teen room. Our delivery team from 'Workspace' also gave their time for free to fit out the staff kitchen with cupboards and worktops.

## Facts and figures

- **Project**  
New Oncology Ward
- **Location**  
Ribblesdale
- **NHS Trust**  
Lancaster Teaching Hospital  
NHS Foundation Trust
- **Principal Supply Chain Partner**  
Tilbury Douglas
- **Contract value**  
£1.8 million
- **Duration**  
26 weeks
- **GIFFA**  
652m<sup>2</sup>

*"We have an excellent working relationship with the Tilbury Douglas Construction team, and we were really impressed by the project they delivered on Ward 5 to help us prepare for the pandemic".. and can't wait to see the newly refurbished facilities that our staff and patients so deserve."*

**Karen Partington,**  
Chief Executive, Lancashire  
Teaching Hospitals NHS  
Foundation Trust