



Alder Centre

Construction of a new Bereavement Centre

Established in 1989 through a partnership of bereaved parents and health care professionals, the Alder Centre provides a range of services to families suffering the loss of a child. The Bereavement Care Service team provides an immediate response for families, parents and siblings who may be affected by the death of a child at Alder Hey. The service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The works for the new Alder Centre is designed to support the Bereavement Care Service team in their work, allowing them to provide a more “open access” approach to bereaved families with drop-in support.

The construction creates a single storey building of approximately 320m² gross internal floor area, plus a plant room and bin store.

The works include external works and landscaping within new build brick boundary walls. The structural form of the building is stressed brick loadbearing walls on a reinforced concrete raft ground floor slab, whilst the roof is a timber structure with clay tile finish.

Innovation

The innovative construction uses timber frames that support 14 individual pitched roofs.

We worked with our supply chain to construct the roofs and the timber frame concurrently, rather than in sequence. Once both were completed, the roofs were lifted on the frame in a single piece. In addition to a significant budget saving and programme betterment of 3 weeks, we reduced the H&S risks from the roof construction by removing the need to work from height.



Client: Alder Hey Children’s NHS Hospital Trust

Architect: AHHM

Form of Contract: JCT Standard Building Contract 2016

Value: £1.9 million

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