

New Main Store at Ulster Hospital

Construction of the new main store at the Ulster Hospital was recently completed at a cost of approximately £1.1 million. The new store will replace the current store building on the existing hospital site which is due to be demolished to accommodate the building of the new critical care facility housing cssd, critical care, theatres and laboratories.



Construction of the new store commenced in July 2006 and was carried out by the contractor Gilbert Ash (NI) Limited. The contract lasted for 23 weeks ending on 21 December 2006. The building measures approximately 40mx20m and provides over 11,500 sq. ft. of general storage, ancillary and office accommodation at ground and mezzanine floor levels.

The new building was constructed on a sloping site using concrete pad foundations, steel frame and 'kingspan' insulated cladding roof and wall panels, gabion baskets provide retaining at the rear.

The building incorporates many features such as energy efficient lighting and insulated roller shutter doors in conjunction with rapid action vertically folding pvc doors at the loading areas, in order to reduce heat loss. Internal space heating is provided via a gas fired, ducted warm air system. The 'bespoke' designed pallet cage ensures that materials can be transferred safely to and from the mezzanine floor areas.



Health Estates and the Trust worked in close partnership on this project and are extremely pleased with the design and quality of the new store and the construction standards.