

RECOGNISING DESIGN ACHIEVEMENT

A lunchtime ceremony and reception was held in The Long Gallery, Parliament Buildings on 26 February 2007 to recognise the achievement of excellence and celebrate success in Northern Ireland healthcare projects. Dr Andrew McCormick, Permanent Secretary at DHSSPS addressed the audience which included representatives from the local Health Trusts, Contractors, Architects and Consultants practices, and Health Estates staff who made a significant contribution towards winning a number of prestigious local and national awards.

(Right Sunand Prasad, President Elect of the RIBA who also spoke at the event with John Cole, Chief Executive of Health Estates)



Northern Ireland HPSS construction projects received three first places and two second places at the “Building Better Healthcare” awards ceremony held in London in October 2006. These awards are open to all new NHS healthcare buildings throughout the UK, whatever form of procurement used, including PFI, LIFT and Procure 21.

At the ceremony the following awards which had been received were recognised:-

a. 1st place in the “**Best Design Concept Award**” for:

- Portadown Community Treatment and Care Centre (CTCC) for Craigavon and Banbridge Community Trust.



b. 1st and 2nd places in ‘**Best Primary or Community Care Design Award**’ for respectively:



- Holywood Arches CTCC, Belfast (SEBT);
- The Bradbury CTCC, Belfast (SEBT).



c. 2nd place in the ‘**Best Mental Health Design Award**’ for:



- Shannon Medium Secure Unit, Belfast (SEBT).

d. 1st place in the ‘**Best Use of Art in a Healthcare Facility**’ for:

- Holywood Arches CTCC, (SEBT).



In addition a number of HPSS projects won recognition and received awards recently at other industry events:

At the 2006 RIBA (Royal Institute of British Architects) awards, a National Design Award was received for Holywood Arches CTCC.

1st place overall in the All-Ireland Landscape Awards was awarded to the landscape work carried out at BCH Cancer Centre. The Royal Society of Ulster Architects also awarded a Design Commendation for the Cancer Centre.



(Centre right Dr McCormick presenting certificates to Alistair Brown, Director of Operational Support, Belfast City Hospital Trust (Cancer Centre) with representatives from Scott Wilson Architects and Graham-Martin JV contractors).

In the “Constructing Excellence Awards” 1st place in both the new building categories were awarded for Lakewood Secure Unit for Children, Bangor (Ulster Community and Hospitals Trust) and again for the Cancer Centre.



Certificates of Merit in respect of the six buildings named above were awarded to representatives from the local HSS Trusts and the contractors and design teams who were involved with the various projects.



(Patricia Gordon, Chief Executive, South & East Belfast HSS Trust receiving a certificate(s) of merit for The Arches and Bradbury CCTCs from Dr McCormick with representatives from Penoyre and Prasad LLP, in partnership with Todd Architects, and the construction firm Farrans Ltd.)