

Navigating the technical and logistical challenges of **NHS Orkney**

Set in a remote island location and faced with external wind speeds twice the mainland UK average, building the new **Balfour hospital and healthcare facility** was a unique project with exceptional logistical and technical challenges to the build.

NHS Orkney

The **Balfour hospital and healthcare facility** in Kirkwall was designed to transform health services in one of the most remote parts of the UK. Working with Robertson Group and their architects Keppie Design, the 49-bed, 16,500m², £65 million hospital and healthcare facility was designed to reflect the rural community that the building would serve, and provide

wider primary and community care facilities to. Focusing on placemaking, the building is laid out in interrelated streets and spaces around a central hub with a large number of small departments, each with a distinct identity. This layout closely reflects the local, rural community, while making movement around the space easy for patients, visitors and staff.

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Project: The Balfour hospital and healthcare facility

Building Type: New build, hospital and healthcare facilities

Client: NHS Orkney

Architect: Keppie Design

Contractor: Robertson Group

Specialist Contractors: PFP Ltd

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