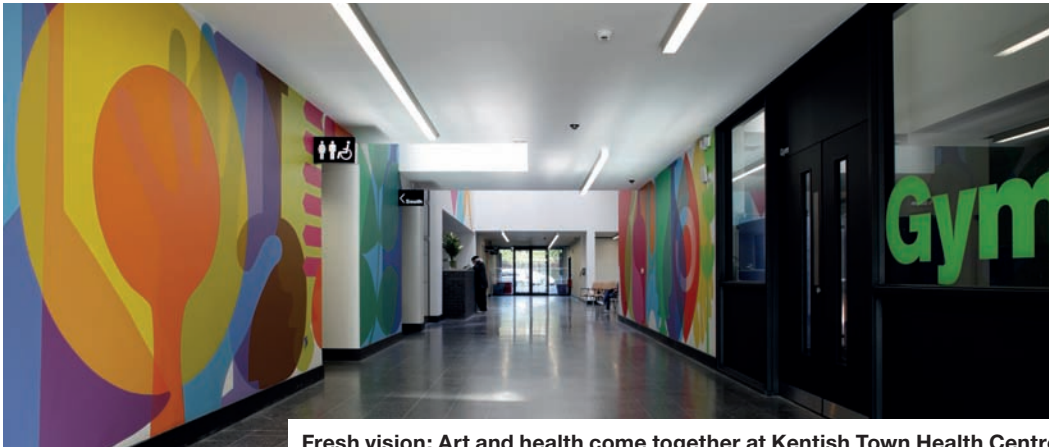




DESIGN

Kentish Town Health Centre, north London (Allford Hall Monaghan Morris)



Fresh vision: Art and health come together at Kentish Town Health Centre

Kentish Town Health Centre (KTHC) is a new building in central London, housing a large GP practice and a number of health facilities, including children's services, breast screening, diagnostic screening, a library and teaching rooms. Camden PCT procured this building through the LIFT process from Camden & Islington Community Solutions (CICS).

KTHC sets a new standard for the NHS. The partnership of a local design champion, Allford Hall Monaghan Morris (AHMM) architects and CICS has delivered a centre where design delivers the integration of services as never before.

The project champion, Dr Roy Macgregor, initiated a Royal Institute of British Architects competition for a building, won by AHMM. Dr Macgregor's vision was to create a wonderful building where not only medicine but health and art came together for the community. Ideas of transparency and connectivity were embraced by the architects and the whole team worked



collaboratively to create a building that expresses the new, holistic approach to health care. Indeed, people using the building have commented that as they wait they can see all the different services in action — making it feel friendly and lively and unlike most other large-scale buildings.

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Internally, the building has been designed around the concept of a street — a generous public/private space that welcomes users and leads them to the reception at the

heart of the building from where all services are accessed. Arts Council funding has been secured to deliver a programme of art throughout the building.

The building's materials and fit-out elements have been selected to be both robust and highly flexible, and a number of sustainable features have been incorporated, including the use of recycled materials and low energy options where possible.

The development demonstrates how a simple and elegant design philosophy can deliver a building that inspires wellbeing, while not losing sight of its day-to-day practical use. The building materials enhance its timeless appeal. Attention to detail is impressive, not only on the outside, but also on the inside. The building responds well to both site conditions, in form and in material.

AWARD CRITERIA

The design should efficiently provide a positive work place for staff, respond to the local environment and inspire health and well-being within the local community. The winner will demonstrate the best balance between functionality, iconic design and affordability.

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- Wortley Beck Health Centre, (Community Ventures, Leeds)

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