

Project Fact Sheet COMMUNITY NURSING UNIT, BALLINASLOE, CO. GALWAY



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Value: €9M Client: **HSE Estates** Completed

FACTFILE

Community Nursing Unit Ballinasloe A HSE 50-Bed Community Nursing Unit

The Ballinasloe development consisted of the construction of a community nursing unit, cruciform in plan, comprising a one-storey L-shaped wing containing an entrance hall, vertical circulation, treatment suite, prayer room, dining and day rooms, catering kitchen, staff and ancillary facilities, plant rooms and ESB substation. It also includes a two-storey L-shaped wing which contains 50 no. bedspaces in single and shared rooms with ensuite bathrooms, day-dining rooms, offices, support facilities and site works, including roads and footpaths, 28 no. car parking spaces, 3 no. gardens and a service yard, measuring a total of 3,179sqm in area.

Enabling Works

Although a green field site, Ballinsloe CNU required the installation of approximately 400m of rising main to foul sewer outfall across the N6 main Dublin to Galway Road. This involved obtaining a road opening license and works were carried out outside of traffic peak hours and on a phased basis to minimise disruption to traffic.

Working Around 'Live' Services

On this project, new ESB, gas, telecoms, fire, IT and security services were installed on the new campus and linked into the nearby mains supply with minimum disruption to surrounding areas.





OFF SITE CONSTRUCTION

The building design was driven by efficiency without compromise to quality so a light weight steel structure was employed to deal with this challenge. This system, manufactured by Fusion Building Systems, forms the inner leaf of the building and supports the upper composite steel/ concrete floors and roof with rendered blockwork external leaf maintaining a more traditional cavity for weathering. Internal finishes include painted walls, Tarkett flooring (Tarkett), MF and proprietary suspended ceilings (where access is required),

Pods

Prefabricated bedroom ensuite pods which were manufactured by Polypod, a pod manufacturing company located in Blanchardstown

A high standard ironmongery and sanitary ware, tiling, light fittings, switches, accessories, mechanical services and internal finishes were incorporated into each pod. Each pod leaving the factory was fully fitted, fully tested and built to exact specifications, with every detail considered and checked.

The landscaping consists of a linear planting bed with mixed planting, comprising shrubs of no more than 800-1000mm in height. Raised beds are provided throughout the outdoor spaces with mixed shrub planting with aromatic, tactile and strong visual qualities. These beds could also be used by patients for therapeutic horticultural activity.





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