

Royal Blackburn Hospital



Key information

Capital expenditures **\$200 million**
Staff **2,000**

Beds **668**
Area **760,000 sq. ft.**

Introduction

In 2003, Balfour Beatty Capital was awarded a 38-year, \$232 million public-private partnership (PPP) project for the Royal Blackburn Hospital in the UK.

Balfour Beatty's share in the investment company is 50%. As of December 31, 2005, Balfour Beatty had invested \$6 million in the project. Balfour Beatty's total committed investment is \$12 million.

Project overview

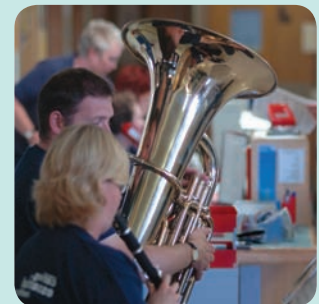
- Handed over on time and on budget on April 10, 2006, and opened to patients on July 8, 2006
- Combined services into a single site, eliminating the need for some 16,000 ambulance transfers each year
- Construction involved a 480,000 sq. ft. extension to Queens Park Hospital and a refurbishment of 81,000 sq. ft. of the old facilities to provide a total of 668 beds. Construction was undertaken by Balfour Beatty Construction.
- Balfour Beatty Capital is responsible for routine and lifecycle maintenance, facilities management support services and various non-clinical services. The provision of non-clinical services is predominantly subcontracted to Haden Building Management, which is a Balfour Beatty Group company.



Arts in Health

Following completion of the construction phase, Balfour Beatty Capital started the Arts in Health program, beginning with a series of Arts Activity Days in October 2006. Jazz duets, stilt walkers and ballroom dancers descended on Blackburn to entertain the hospital community. The Wandering Minstrels, a lively tuba and clarinet playing duo, were a favorite with hospital staff and patients in the children's ward.

Arts in Health is an exciting and innovative approach to patient care and an effective healthcare tool.



*"In Blackburn, the National Health Service (NHS) Trust team and Balfour Beatty Capital have formed an **honest and effective** relationship through transition, from procurement to construction, and this bodes well for the operational phase of the contract."*

Jackie Hadwen, Project Manager, East Lancashire NHS Trust