

Tilbury Douglas appointed to build new dementia day care facility in Kirklees

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Kirklees Council has appointed a contractor to build new dementia day care facilities in North Kirklees.

Tilbury Douglas will start work by demolishing the existing Knowl Park House building on Crowlees Road in Mirfield this summer.

Construction will then begin on the new, single storey dementia day care facility which will include zones for wellbeing, home therapy and activities, as well as outdoor space that will house a potting shed and a greenhouse. The space will be flexible to accommodate the physical disability, sensory and mobility needs of the people who use these services.

Tilbury Douglas will also build the co-located Kirklees Living Well Centre that will provide support and advice for families and professionals. The work is part of plans to invest £11m in dementia day care facilities across Kirklees.

Councillor Musarrat Khan, Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care, said: "I am delighted that we have appointed a contractor to build modern facilities that will meet the needs of service users living with dementia in North Kirklees.

"It's important that we invest in the wellbeing of our vulnerable and elderly residents and the new dementia day care facility is a vital investment that will enable service users to live well for longer and also provide much needed daily respite for carers.

"I look forward to seeing developments on site that will make Kirklees a more inclusive place for people living with dementia."

Paul Ellenor, Regional Director at Tilbury Douglas, commented: "We are delighted and proud to have been selected by Kirklees Council as their partner to build and deliver this scheme. The new facility will greatly transform dementia care for the local community and provide staff, service users and healthcare professionals with a new exciting state-of-the-art environment."

Knowl Park House and the Kirklees Living Well Centre have been designed to reflect dementia design principles as a result of Kirklees Council's collaboration with the University of Stirling's Dementia Services Development Centre.