

Tilbury Douglas completes award-winning Dementia Daycare Centre and Centre of Excellence for Kirklees Council

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Tilbury Douglas, a leading UK building, infrastructure, engineering, and fit-out business, has successfully built Knowl Park House, a state-of-the-art dementia daycare centre and Centre of Excellence for Kirklees Council.

Delivered through the Crown Commercial Service (CCS) Construction Works Framework, the project has transformed the site to offer vital care services and innovative training resources to the community.

The project recently won the Constructing Excellence Award for Delivering Value, recognising the significant social impact created during the construction. Tilbury Douglas' commitment to community engagement and social value was pivotal in achieving this accolade.

The new, single-storey daycare centre provides 25 places and meets the University of Stirling's Gold Standard for dementia-friendly environments. The centre features four distinct zones – Home Therapy, Wellbeing, Arts and Crafts, and a Garden Zone – ensuring a stimulating and supportive environment for service users. The facility also includes staff welfare areas, dining and kitchen spaces, and hygiene rooms for both comfort and practicality.

Alongside the daycare centre, the Centre of Excellence offers cutting-edge training spaces, an Assisted Technology area showcasing the latest advancements in dementia care, and a demonstration bungalow for hands-on learning.

Community involvement was central to the project's success. Social value initiatives included participation

in Build UK's Open Doors program, educational outreach through guest lectures and site visits, and fundraising for Reach Academy's new construction workshop. Volunteers also supported the Happy Memories dementia café and assisted Mirfield in Bloom in rejuvenating Hopton New Road Bridge.

Paul Ellenor, Regional Director - Yorkshire and North East at Tilbury Douglas, commented: "We are incredibly proud to have delivered a facility that not only meets the highest standards in dementia care but will also have a lasting positive impact on the local community. Being recognised by Constructing Excellence is a fantastic achievement and reflects the dedication of everyone involved."

Phil Shaw, Managing Director - Building North, at Tilbury Douglas, added: "This project showcases what can be achieved when construction, community, and care come together. It's a shining example of how we can deliver both outstanding facilities and meaningful social contributions, which is at the heart of what we do."