

## Wates transforms Chelsea and Westminster Hospital Children's ward through modern refurbishment

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In ten weeks, **Wates'** facilities management team has completed a full renovation of Chelsea and Westminster Hospital's Neptune ward, a children's ward comprising of 24 beds including two anti-ligature rooms for added patient safety.

The transformation aimed to make the ward more comfortable, accessible and inclusive for children and young people when in hospital care and was delivered in just ten weeks to limit the disruption to available beds.

The extensive improvements include a new HVAC, medical gas and electrical system, smart lighting, new ceilings, floors and joinery, additional space made for cots, TV and video systems, USB ports for the children's devices, accessible showers and new artwork. The corridors are now lined with colourful murals and the rooms have bespoke charity commissioned artwork, which were undertaken by local artists.

One of the most significant changes was the development of a new anti-ligature area within the ward for children and young people. Those requiring the hospital's mental health services can now access more age-appropriate facilities designed with their comfort in mind.

Dave Rose, Head of Projects, commented: "This project has been very rewarding. We have completed a significant scope of work, in such a short time, which is testament to the agility of our Special Projects team. From the relatively blank canvas we started with to the colourful and welcoming place we have helped create with the architects at White Arkitekter, we're very proud to have been involved in this work

which will provide an enhanced experience for children – at a most vulnerable time.”