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YORKON AWARDED £2.8m HEALTH BUILDING CONTRACT IN WALES

Off-site construction specialist and Portakabin subsidiary, Yorkon, has been awarded a £2.8m contract by Interserve Project Services to build new hospital facilities in Cardiff.

The three-storey scheme at the University Hospital of Llandough will provide an outpatients department decant facility which will be constructed and fitted out off site. This approach will reduce construction to just 31 weeks to meet the challenging programme for the project, and will minimise disruption to patient care and the adjacent ward buildings.

The 2,000sqm building will accommodate consulting and examination rooms, a reception and waiting area on both the ground and first floors, with open plan and cellular offices for consultants, outpatient co-ordinators and nursing staff on the second floor.

Due for completion by the end of this year, the building will comprise 45 steel-framed modules manufactured in York and craned into position in just one week.

The project was awarded under Welsh Health Estates' Designed for Life: Building for Wales framework programme, which aims to deliver 21st Century healthcare facilities for the people of Wales.

The new decant facilities will enable construction of a £50m mental health assessment unit to begin at the hospital, which will be built by Interserve to replace an outdated Edwardian building and provide rapid access to care and support for older age patients.

The Llandough project is Yorkon's third contract with Interserve and follows the completion of the multi award-winning Emergency Assessment Unit at the University Hospital of North Tees, which was also built off site.

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Editor's Notes

1. The advantages of off-site construction for healthcare projects include:
 - programme times reduced by up to 50 per cent, allowing earlier completion with a positive impact on patient care
 - reduced disruption to patients, staff and the local community during construction
 - consistent delivery on time and on budget
 - fewer vehicle movements to site
 - safer, quieter and cleaner construction
 - improved quality and reduced future maintenance
 - a high level of design flexibility internally and externally
 - buildings can be expanded without decanting
 - improved thermal efficiency for lower running costs and reduced carbon emissions
 - up to 90 per cent less construction waste (source: WRAP).

2. Off-site construction involves the manufacture of steel-framed modules in a controlled factory environment, using production line technology, whilst the foundation works are completed on site. The modules are delivered to site by road where they are craned into position in just a few days ready for the final stages of fitting out.

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