

Opening Ceremony Marks Completion of Prestigious Facility



Photograph shows (foreground, from left to right) Leeds Jewish Representative Council President, Sue Dorsey, Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of West Yorkshire, Dr Ingrid Roscoe, BA PhD FSA, and architect Michael Marks (Fabian Hamilton MP is in the background).

Tolent Construction celebrated our part in the completion of a prestigious care home facility when Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of West Yorkshire, Dr Ingrid Roscoe, BA PhD FSA, visited Donisthorpe Hall in Leeds to officially open the new Woodlands Unit.

As Phase Three of the ongoing redevelopment of Donisthorpe Hall, the luxury new build wing is a four-storey building featuring 21 special needs bedrooms, three lounges, dining room, two hydrobaths, kitchen, two sluice rooms, three residential care units, top-floor offices and landscaped gardens. Soon after the opening of the Woodlands Unit Tolent completed work on Phase Five in which an existing two-storey residential care facility has been refurbished to provide a new lounge, dining room, kitchen, sluice rooms, and 12 bedrooms, each with assisted bathroom. The combined value of the two contracts is £1.32 million.

A registered charity, Donisthorpe Hall is regarded as one of the best residential care homes in the north of England: it is the only independent home of its kind to achieve the coveted Health Quality Service (HQS) accreditation and has

also been granted the Hospitality Assured standard for service and business excellence.

'I'm very impressed by Tolent's overall management style with top-class people and top-class attitudes at every level,' said Geoff Caplan, chairman of the Donisthorpe Hall charity. 'Unfortunately the original contractor for Phase Three ceased trading, so Tolent had to assess costs and get to grips with the remaining work within a short timescale, a task which they performed exceptionally well. With a background in civil engineering, I can appreciate the high quality of Tolent's construction - on the strength of their work on Phase Three we had no hesitation in selecting Tolent for Phase Five.'

'I was immediately impressed by Tolent's approach,' said the project architect, Michael Marks. 'In urgent circumstances they responded quickly and provided a very efficient operation with an excellent finishing team. Tolent's work on Phase Five has maintained the same high standards achieved on Phase Three. Such standards are essential for a facility which would be rated as five-star luxury if it was a hotel.'

