

Media Release

International property and construction consultancy Gleeds has been named as the NEC4 project manager on the Midland Metropolitan Hospital development in Smethwick, West Midlands. Appointed under the NHS Shared Business Services framework, the business will be supported by Arup and Stride Treglown as works supervisors on behalf of Sandwell and West Birmingham NHS Trust.

The new state-of-the-art facility will be the first new hospital to open in the West Midlands since 2010. Its 670-bed urgent care centre will replace the accident and emergency departments at both Sandwell and City hospitals, while its treatment centre will be equipped with cutting edge diagnostic equipment and 15 operating theatres, allowing it to offer specialised surgery and maternity services to approximately three quarters of a million residents across the Black Country and Birmingham.

Located on a 16.76 acre brownfield site on Grove Lane in Smethwick, the finished hospital is expected to cover around 80,600m² and will have capacity to care for approximately 81,455 inpatients and 115,045 outpatients every year. After a nine month suspension, remedial works to prepare the site for completion and ensure it remains safe and secure resumed late last year and the facility is expected to be ready to open its doors to patients by 2022.

Mike Penny, director at Gleeds who will be leading on the project, said:

“Gleeds has extensive experience of delivering large healthcare schemes and has put together a team of experts with a vast pool of technical knowledge upon which we can draw to assist in the delivery of this project. By joining forces with Arup and Stride Treglown, to supervise the works we further strengthen our offering, supporting the NHS in achieving its goal of providing fully integrated care of the highest quality”.

Dave Pitman, healthcare engineering director at Arup added:

“Our team of engineers has UK-wide and international experience of hospital and healthcare facility design. We are pleased to be able to contribute our expertise to a project that will make such a significant, positive impact for the residents of the Black Country and Birmingham.

Daniel van Luttmer of Stride Treglown went on to say:

“As part of this experienced NEC team, our national specialist healthcare architects will locally support our Client in successfully completing the partially-finished building to a high standard”

Notes for editors

Gleeds (www.gleeds.com) is an international property and construction consultancy with over 130 years' experience in the property and construction industry. With 1800 dedicated staff across six continents and 71 offices, Gleeds prides itself on being a global business that is structured to act and think locally.

Working with clients in almost every sector, Gleeds services the entire project lifecycle and categorises its offering into the following core areas: programme and project management, commercial and contract management, property and asset management and advisory.

Arup (www.arup.com) is a global professional services firm with a focus on the built environment. Headquartered in London, Arup is an independent firm of designers, consultants, planners and

technical experts and we employ more than 4,000 staff in the UK. Our recent healthcare projects include engineering design of the first NHS proton beam therapy facilities in Manchester and London as well as new and upgraded centres for improved paediatric, cancer and cardiac services.

Stride Treglown is an employee-owned architectural practice of over 300 people across 9 UK offices. We offer a variety of built environment services; placemaking, town planning, architecture, interior, landscape, digital, sustainable and manufactured design.

We're professional and creative. We're not driven by ego. Instead, we focus on the needs of our clients and the people that use our projects, creating inspiring, sustainable spaces that genuinely work.