



## PROJECT NEWS

### KAWNEER HELPS A KEY FACILITY AT THE HEART OF A COMMUNITY

#### VISION

A new £17M state-of-the-art four-storey outpatient facility has replaced the previous small mental health centre in Lowther Road, Islington London by Camden and Islington NHS Foundation Trust.

Offering a range of mental and physical health services, the new centre is aimed at helping Islington residents with complex depression, anxiety, trauma, personality disorders and rehabilitation with interview, counselling and treatment rooms, agile workspace, as well as a café and group collaboration zones. It is also the new home of the Islington Clozapine and Depot Clinic.

Designed by Ryder Architecture, the expanded Centre is part of the North London Mental Health Partnership's St. Pancras Transformation programme, an NHS project aimed at moving services out of St Pancras hospital to modern community-based facilities.

#### TRANSFORMATION

Sustainability is at the heart of the design of the building's external envelope, with solar panels fitted to the roof and bolt-on solar shading to control heat gain and reduce demand on mechanical ventilation systems.

The solar shading was attached to Kawneer's AA@100 Curtain Wall System featuring special extended feature caps on all elevations around the building, installed by specialist subcontractor Leay Ltd.

Working to a specification provided by main contractor Kier Construction, Leay also installed Kawneer's AA@720 HI Reflex Windows for their excellent thermal performance, in line with the sustainability goals of the project.

#### REALISATION

The larger Centre is now offering enhanced levels of care for local residents with mental health challenges, providing a sustainable, modern and welcoming space at the heart of the community with integrated services that can also address physical health.

It also provides an enhanced working environment for clinical teams and there is a 'pocket' park to support visitor and staff wellbeing.

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