

Hospital 2.0 Alliance – Construction Partner Profile

ORGANISATION OVERVIEW

Willmott Dixon is a privately owned contracting and interior fit-out group headquartered in Letchworth Garden City, founded in 1852. With over 2,000 people and 19 offices across England and Wales, we are a national contractor with local delivery capability, delivering an annual turnover of approximately £1.1 billion.

Ranked Europe's fourth best place to work in the FT's 2025 Best Employers list of the top 1,000 companies in Europe and the UK's best large construction employer (2025 Sunday Times Best Places to Work), we hold King's Awards for Enterprise in both Promoting Opportunity and Sustainable Development.

HEALTHCARE EXPERIENCE

We have delivered more than 100 healthcare construction projects across the NHS estate over the past decade, spanning acute, mental health, community and neighbourhood settings. This includes 30+ community health centres, of which 15 were delivered through the NHS LIFT Public-Private Partnership model – one of the largest track records of any contractor in that programme. Our experience of delivering healthcare through structured partnership models directly informs our approach to the Hospital 2.0 Alliance.

Our portfolio spans new-build hospitals, emergency departments, specialist theatres, diagnostic facilities, mental health units, secure care centres, estate strategies and decarbonisation programmes. Most of our healthcare projects are delivered within live clinical environments, where we operate stringent infection control protocols, phased construction programmes and proactive stakeholder engagement to ensure zero disruption to patient care.

NEW HOSPITAL PROGRAMME TRACK RECORD

We are already on site delivering the first Wave 1 scheme in the New Hospital Programme: the £140 million Emergency Care Building at Derriford Hospital, Plymouth, for University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust. Construction began in October 2025. The four-storey facility will provide an expanded Emergency Department, Same Day Emergency Care unit, four Interventional Radiology theatres and five new surgical theatres, nearly doubling the capacity of one of the South West's busiest emergency departments. Derriford is also one of the first NHP schemes to implement the NHS Net Zero Building Standard.

We are additionally appointed to the £500 million NHS Shared Business Services Decarbonisation of Estates Framework, positioning us to deliver sustainability improvements across NHS Trusts nationwide.

DISTINCTIVE CAPABILITIES

- Cura – our pre-designed, standardised neighbourhood health platform using off-site manufactured components to deliver high-quality facilities faster, more affordably and with reduced risk. Aligned with NHS Neighbourhood Rebuild Programme requirements and meeting government targets of 33% lower costs and 50% faster delivery.
- Digital-first infrastructure – integration of AI-enabled diagnostics, single patient record systems, ambient technology and remote consultation capabilities into every facility we build.
- Willmott Dixon Developments – end-to-end development consultancy combining advisory, funding, land sourcing and construction services to help NHS bodies and local authorities unlock and deliver schemes at pace.
- Soft landings and knowledge transfer – established protocols ensuring seamless transition from construction to operation, including comprehensive end-user training, post-completion aftercare and Energy Synergy® in-use performance monitoring.

SUSTAINABILITY CREDENTIALS

Our goal is to become a net zero carbon company by 2030, with all buildings delivered after that date also being net zero. We have been net zero on scope 1 and 2 emissions since 2012. As the UK's leading Passivhaus main contractor and a Passivhaus Trust Patron Member, we bring nearly a decade of experience delivering Passivhaus and net zero buildings. We are active participants in the UK Net Zero Carbon Buildings Standard task groups and pilot programme, giving us direct experience of meeting the NHS Net Zero Building Standard.

PURPOSE BEYOND PROFIT & SOCIAL VALUE

Our purpose is to deliver brilliant buildings, transform lives, strengthen communities and enhance the environment. We co-create social value plans with our customers, tailored to local needs, and consistently return an average of 38% of contract value as social engagement activities. Central to our approach is our Building Lives Academies – project-based training programmes embedded within our live construction sites that equip people facing barriers to employment with construction skills, qualifications and guaranteed work experience. Operating nationally, the academies support vulnerable young people, the long-term unemployed and ex-offenders into rewarding careers, delivered in partnership with local councils, colleges, Job Centre Plus and our supply chain. We also support communities through the Peter Willmott Foundation, our charitable arm.

RELEVANT FRAMEWORK POSITIONS

Hospital 2.0 Alliance (NHP) • ProCure23 (P23) • Crown Commercial Services (CCS)
• NHS SBS Decarbonisation of Estates • Scape • Southern Construction Framework
• Pagabo • Procurement Hub. We hold places on three of the five nationally
recognised Constructing Gold Standard frameworks.

1852	100+	30+	60%+	2030
Founded	Healthcare projects	Community health centres	Repeat business	Net zero target