

Title: GLENWOOD HEALTH CENTRE
Client: NHS FIFE
Location: GLENROTHES



Project team: Hub East Central Scotland, Contractor – BAM, Architect – Halliday Fraser Munro, Civil and Structural Engineer – ARUP, Mechanical and Electrical Engineer – Wallace Whittle, CDM Co-ordinator – Thomas and Adamson

The new centre provides space for a wide range of health services, including:

- Two general practices totalling nine GPs and their full practice teams
- Teaching of undergraduate medical students
- Nurse practitioner services
- Health visitors
- Antenatal and baby clinics
- District and school nursing
- Podiatry
- Paediatrician
- Physiotherapy
- Speech and language therapy
- Dietetics
- Psychiatry and psychology
- Addiction services and smoking cessation

“It’s a step into the 21st century for people of Glenrothes, and night and day when you compare it to the existing facility, which is about to come to the end of its life. With a light and spacious reception area, more akin to a hotel suite than a traditional surgery waiting room, you feel a calming effect the moment you walk through the door, and hopefully those using the centre will experience that too.”

Karen Nolan, Public Health/Palliative Care Manager, NHS Fife

Key statistics

- **VALUE:** £4.2m
- **COMPLETION DATE:** February 2014
- **CONTRACT DATES:** 12 months
- **CARBON FOOTPRINT:** BREEM Very Good
- **TOTAL USERS/RESIDENTS:** The new centre delivers much needed primary and community health services for the Central and West Glenrothes area as well as additional Glenrothes-wide services.
- **REPLACEMENT DETAILS:** Napier Road practice, built in 1973, which had become unsuitable for its purpose.
- **LOCAL EMPLOYEES:** 360 of 462 employed



Project information

Accommodating the provision of so many different services, the centre had to be both flexible and specific enough to accommodate the needs of each of them. The purpose built treatment rooms and specialist consulting rooms, along with modern administration and staff facilities, will allow Glenwood Health Centre to become the perfect central hub for medical services in the area.

“The new centre is simply fantastic. Even though the building is on two floors and is about the same floor space as the old centre, this one feels so much bigger. Staff are very excited about the prospect of working in what is now a state-of-the-art medical facility that will carry the service on for decades to come.”

Bob Skinner, Practice Manager

“The new building heralds a new era of community-based healthcare in the town. We are coming from an outdated health centre; we now have a new building that not only boosts staff morale, but should also instil a new level of confidence and reassurance to those using the many services that will be based in or visiting the centre. With extra consulting rooms, it will also help improve medical training in the future.”

Dr Andrew Ross, GP