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Opening Day heralds new Neighbourhood Resource Centres which will transform services for adults with learning disabilities



A Brent Harrow and Hillingdon LIFTCo project bringing three Neighbourhood Resource Centres (NRCs) to Harrow has come to a close with all three centres now open and operational. The £7.5 million project was carried out on behalf of Harrow Council which is now providing services from the facilities.

Located at Byron Park, Kenmore Road and Vaughan Road, each centre has been individually designed to fit in with its local surroundings and provides a contemporary and spacious environment for adults with learning disabilities, their carers and other health and social care workers to learn new skills, socialise and access resources within the borough.

Co-locating these services under one roof is expected to transform the way that Harrow Council meets the needs of adults with learning disabilities in the local community

In March 2008 the Department of Health approved Harrow Council's final business case and granted PFI credits. With funding assured, BHH LIFTCo and Ashley House worked closely with Harrow Council to develop the three neighbourhood resource centres.

The community based centres are bases for flexible day support services for adults with severe learning disabilities. They respond to the individual needs of people with learning difficulties and their families providing facilities for cultural and educational activities, meetings and other types of gatherings.

Each building boasts the latest in environmental features such as

- Air venting systems which negate the need for air conditioning
- Solar panels which contribute to the hot water supply
- Sun pipes which help to reduce dependency on artificial lighting.
- Sun shading to reduce uncomfortable levels of heat entering the building from direct sunlight.

“Over the next 25 years the LIFT project will strive to create an easily accessible, patient-centred service that is available to all in the community and will create a pleasant and supportive working environment for staff.”

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