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Kentish Town Health Centre awarded two coveted design awards: RIBA London Award 2009 NHS LIFT Design Award 2009

Kentish Town Health Centre won both an RIBA 2009 Award for architectural excellence in the London region at a ceremony held at Westminster Academy on 21 May 2009, and the NHS LIFT Design Award 2009 on the 18th March at the Hilton Hotel, London

The centre demonstrated to the judges how the building efficiently provides a positive work place for staff, responds to the local environment and inspires health and well-being within the local community.

The judges noted how the design demonstrates the best balance between functionality, iconic design and affordability.

The Kentish Town Health Centre was designed by Allford Hall Monaghan and Morris (AHMM) architects and developed by Camden & Islington Community Solutions (CICS) for NHS Camden. The £10.5m development, constructed by Morgan Ashurst was completed and became operational in December 2008.

Kentish Town Health Centre accommodates a large GP Practice, NHS Camden health visiting, district nursing and community dental services, a breast screening service, joint Health and Local Authority children's services, diagnostics, a gym and a community café.

The development demonstrates how a simple and elegant design philosophy can deliver a building that inspires wellbeing, while not losing sight of its day-to-day practical use.

Testament to the design has come from the users themselves who regularly remark that as they wait they can see all the different services in action making it feel friendly and lively unlike most other large-scale buildings.

Dr Roy McGregor, GP at Kentish Town Health Centre, was instrumental in initiating the original design competition won by AHMM, and continued to work closely with CICS during the procurement and construction of the Health Centre which was developed through NHS Camden's LIFT partnership with CICS.

Kentish Town Health Centre was also named as one of the top four developments from the 28 buildings in London that received an RIBA 2009 award.

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