

Area Resource Centre Brooksby, Largs



Client: **NHS Ayrshire and Arran**
Contract value: **£4,600,000**

Complete: **Early 2009**

Following a feasibility study into various locations and alternative designs, the new Resource Centre was accommodated at Brooksby House by alteration of the existing Day Hospital and conversion of the existing nursing home in Brooksby House into linked administration accommodation. The joint project between North Ayrshire Council and the NHS provided expanded primary healthcare facilities for the local GP practices as well as Social Work functions, with a communal entrance and reception serving all. Additional car parking facilities were added on adjacent ground, but existing features such as boundary walls and trees were retained.

Brooksby House, an A Listed sandstone mansion sitting in extensive gardens on the waterfront, has been sensitively upgraded to improve accessibility and remove inappropriate previous alterations. The two buildings are linked with a glazed corridor, and the scale and siting of the new Centre has been designed to minimise its visual impact on Brooksby House.

Passive solar control and the use of eco-friendly finishes such as linoleum combine with colour coded wayfinding and the predominant use of natural light and ventilation to provide a healthy and sustainable environment for visitors and staff alike.

