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Great Sankey Neighbourhood Hub

“ Colour affects people physically and emotionally and contributes enormously to an interesting and inspiring environment. People with dementia often have vision problems, including impaired depth perception and altered colour perception, reducing their ability to perceive contrasts. Carpets, wall colour, fabrics, furniture and accessories look much brighter in direct daylight than under artificial light. ”

Daniela Hislop, Thedesignconcept

Great Sankey Neighbourhood Hub is aiming to be the first public building to gain the University of Stirling's Dementia Services Development Centre (DSDC) Gold Award for its dementia-friendly architecture, design and facilities.

Great Sankey Neighbourhood Hub, Warrington, is believed to be the first fully integrated, dementia friendly wellbeing building and public library in the UK.

Great Sankey Neighbourhood Hub is an integrated facility. The building includes health, leisure and library facilities for the community. Thedesignconcept worked closely with everyone involved to produce designs that were kept close to the Architect's original vision for the space. Due to the hub being one of the first public wellbeing buildings seeking Dementia Friendly accreditation, we researched the best practice for designing dementia friendly environments with the aim of getting accreditation from the Stirling Dementia Services Development Centre.

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“The Great Sankey Neighbourhood Hub is a fantastic asset for the community, which will bring huge benefits to people of all ages, for many years to come.

“I’m delighted that phase one is complete, and that local people will soon be able to begin enjoying the hi-tech facilities.

“This is far more than a leisure centre. The Hub will provide a fantastic community library, as well as a range of cultural, health and wellbeing services. I’m especially pleased that it is a dementia-friendly building - providing modern and accessible facilities for the local population.”

Cllr Tony Higgins

Working closely with Live Wire and Walker Simpson Architects, thedesignconcept created bespoke furniture and chose specific fabrics to ensure the hub was specified for dementia users.

The Hub also has leisure facilities including: spa, gym, tennis courts and swimming pool.

Phase 2 of the project is due to be completed, Summer 2018.



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