

NEATH PORT TALBOT HOSPITAL

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The construction of an acute hospital at Baglan Moor near Port Talbot in South Wales was a long time in the gestation. In the early 1990's the site was purchased by the NHS and prepared for a 500 bed major district general hospital. This scheme was shelved and plans were postponed until a full business case was approved with the Private Finance Initiative as the chosen procurement route. Track Consulting was appointed as construction project manager when the contract was signed in May 2000.

The consortium selected Interserve Building as designer and contractor because of its strong track record in health building in Wales. Track Consulting's personnel has worked with Interserve over many years and the basis for good working relationships were already in place.

Significant construction challenges were inherent in the project. The period was tight at 31 months for a £60m construction value and the presence of an old domestic refuse tip meant that methane measures had to be incorporated into the works.

The pressure on time was further compounded by the Trust requirement to reduce the contract period by a further 38 days to enable Trust commissioning to take place prior to the Christmas holiday. This was achieved.

The contractor recognised the value of having within his team an experienced clerk of works. Track was able to provide appropriate site inspection services which helped the contractor achieve a standard acceptable to the Independent Certifier.

Track also provided web hosting – setting up a web site with live camera pictures. This was very successful with comments received from as far away as Australia and America. It also included a direct link to the Trust and Welsh Assembly Government's web site.

A further appointment flowed from this project when Track Consulting was asked to take on the SPV general manager role for the concession period.

Project Details:

Services Provided:

Project Management
Planning Supervisor
Site Inspection
Web Hosting

Project:

Baglan PFI Hospital

Completion Date:

September 2002

Value:

£60m

Location:

Baglan, Port Talbot South Wales

Client:

Baglan Moor Healthcare