Dalkeith Health Centre

The new Dalkeith Health Centre replaces the former Dalkeith Medical Practice, which was housed on the same site. The client, NHS Lothian required a sustainable, contemporary facility to meet the community’s evolving requirements. Services include a GP practice, podiatry, physiotherapy, midwifery and other specialties. An Old Persons Welfare Hall has also been incorporated into the new building.

The Health Centre sits within Dalkeith town centre and is surrounded by residential properties to the north, northeast and west with commercial and public car parks to the southeast and southwest.

The gable frontage to the three-story wing was created as a visual connection to the neighbouring buildings, incorporating a simple palette of two contrasting colour renders denoting the two-story and three-story wings. White glazed brick was used on selected openings to the three-story wing in addition to the base course to the building. The roof is natural slate mimicking the existing buildings within the adjacent conservation area.

The low energy design incorporates natural ventilation, a ground source heat pump providing heat to the underfloor heating system, and a highly insulated building envelope. In addition, the building has a rainwater harvesting system and solar thermal panels are used to provide hot water.