

Case Study

GREAT ORMOND STREET HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN - THE FRIENDS GARDEN

Client: Great Ormond Street Hospital Trust
Landscape Architect: Andy Sturgeon Garden Design
Landscape Contractor: The English Garden Company

PROJECT SPECIFICATION

A calm, contemporary space for staff, with areas for relaxing, socialising and eating has been created on top of the Octav Botnar Wing (OBW) in the form of a garden.

Generously funded by The Friends of the Children of Great Ormond Street, the Friends Garden opened in July 2008 and all staff have access to this space. Designed by award winning garden designer Andy Sturgeon winner of four Chelsea gold medals and architects Spacelab (who also created the hospital's Orangery), the roof garden is accessible between 7am and 10pm, 365 days a year. The garden is intended to act as an antidote to the everyday hospital environment and a way of improving the working lives of GOSH staff. With well considered planting, stunning sculptural features, and views across the city, this space is a welcome addition to the urban site the hospital is situated on. A glass-fronted pavilion, with a built-in television and seating, allows staff to enjoy the garden away from the elements.

The garden also recognises the two GOSH staff that lost their lives in the terrorist attacks in London in July 2005 - Nazy Mozakka and Mala Trivedi.

Tree Anchoring System: RF2 Special - a bespoke system to allow the trees to be fixed to the steel containers.

Quantity: 16

Soil Type: Roofgarden compost in containers

