



## WARD ACCOMMODATION

AWAP DMRC HEADLEY COURT  
Mallard House

- **PROJECT** Additional Ward Accommodation
- **VALUE** £2.4M
- **PROGRAMME** 6 months
- **CLIENT** PriDE for DMRC
- **CONTRACTOR** Rollalong

# ROLLALONG ENGINEERED QUALITY BUILDINGS



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**Nestled in the Surrey Countryside near to the quiet Epsom Downs, The Defence Medical Rehabilitation Centre (DMRC) at Headley Court is an unlikely location for cutting edge construction projects. On this site, significant infrastructure improvements have been underway. Rollalong have now delivered their 3rd building at Headley Court in 2 years which are helping to improve the accommodation and medical facilities.**

The latest project is a 2 storey (1100m<sup>2</sup>) accommodation block, which will provide an additional 29 beds in 4 person ward rooms. This facility has been designed with flexibility in mind, after its initial use as Additional Ward Accommodation (AWAP), it can be cost efficiently converted into patient single living accommodation.

Space constraints on site required the building to be constructed within a courtyard replacing an ornamental duck pond. Time and cost were key drivers and therefore a modular solution was the natural choice.

The total build period was less than 6 months from mobilisation. Factory work was completed on plan and site work was scheduled for 7 days a week enabling the earliest handover.

Lt Col Ian McFarlane, DMRC client liaison said, "I am immensely proud to be associated with such a well motivated and focused team. DE, PriDE and Rollalong have delivered in record time, exactly when they promised; the installation of the building took place over the May bank holiday to limit the disruption to patients, staff and the local community. When DMRC personnel returned to work on Tuesday 1st June, they were impressed to see that all 20 of the modules had been installed into this very tight space. We have continued to work in close liaison with the project team to ensure effective delivery of the project. Our patients and the nursing staff who use the building are delighted with the finished product".

Although a majority of the work had been completed in the Rollalong factory, site works to construct the tiled roof, external brickwork cladding and external works took 12 weeks. Internal finishing of the 10 ward rooms, completion and commissioning of the M&E installation was also carried out in this period.

Site disruption was a major concern for the client, as the patients are recuperating from trauma and to have their days and evenings disturbed by ongoing building work was unthinkable.



This has required total commitment from the team involving the client, DE, PriDE and Rollalong; at times working on trust to ensure that programmes were maintained and allow the paperwork to catch up later. Clear and open communication across all parties has allowed this to happen effectively.

Taking the majority of work off site reduced the need for noisy, disruptive, and dusty work and has kept vehicle movements to a minimum. The site is approached via a narrow corridor where all offloading and distribution activities are carried out and the site boundary extends to just 4m beyond the perimeter of the building. Traditional construction techniques would have faced severe logistical challenges with the small site footprint.

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Modular techniques can be used in a wide range of solutions, offices, training and educational establishments, private and social housing and multi-storey flats or student accommodation.

