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## Princess Elizabeth Hospital, Guernsey

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This striking development by Nightingale Associates is being hailed as one of the most advanced uses of precast concrete seen on the island of Guernsey. The completed building, known as John Henry Court, is part of a wider scheme at the Princess Elizabeth Hospital site and replaces current nurses' accommodation. Providing this contemporary, high quality accommodation is a key incentive in an attempt to attract much needed nursing staff to Guernsey.

The building responds to the constraints of constructing on the island by utilising offsite manufacturing processes and dry fix cladding systems. The building's superstructure is constructed using precast concrete products manufactured on the mainland, shipped across to the island and craned into position on site.

The cross wall system was manufactured by Histon Concrete products with the floor planks being manufactured by Bison. The overall manufacturing, shipping and erection was managed, overseen and procured by Quadro services.

"This has proved that [such a system] can be used somewhere like Guernsey," Street said. "We met a lot of opposition from the contractor because of the need for shipping." He added that the final result was a low-maintenance, contemporary building with superior acoustics. "This is important because some nurses are sleeping while others are working," he said.

The precast concrete walls have been finished to a class C standard as prescribed in BS 8110 and left exposed within the interior of the building. This has played an important part in achieving a contemporary, low maintenance interior where natural products are visible and enhance the quality of the space.

### Project team

Client: States of Guernsey  
Architect: Nightingale Associates  
Crosswall System: Histon Concrete Products  
Floor Planks supplied by: Bison

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