

SHORTLIST: DOOLAN AWARD 2009

SMALL ANIMAL HOSPITAL
GLASGOW
ARCHIAL ARCHITECTS

SOCIAL HOUSING AT MOORE STREET
GLASGOW

RICHARD MURPHY ARCHITECTS;
ELDER & CANNON ARCHITECTS;
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Located at the entrance to the grounds of Garscube Estate, the new Small Animal Hospital, part of the University of Glasgow's Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, provides state of the art services for animal owners and referring practitioners.

Internally the building is simply organised both horizontally and vertically with a clear division of public and private hospital space. The working hospital held within the gabion wall pinwheels around a central treatment hub which acts as the heart of the building offering clear and unrestricted views toward day-care, intensive care, operation suites, diagnostics and oncology.

The teaching and office spaces occupy the upper level with views over the estate and access onto the grass roof.

This development, the successor to the multi-award winning Graham Square, amply demonstrates that the social housing sector in Scotland remains a vital focus for innovation. Like its precursor, this new larger development is a showcase not only for the skills of particular practices but for joint working.

These groups of buildings each declare a distinctive design identity. However, scale, orientation, some shared materials and a robust landscape context, contribute to a unified, modest and attractive whole. This development is less about bravura architectural performances than the regeneration of the area and the generation of a new community.

Within Richard Murphy Architects' masterplan each of the four practices has produced groupings of between 22 and 25 flats arranged around private courtyards. These in turn are set around the central public courtyard which is entered through the impressive retained entrance arch of the former meat market. This historic survivor serves as an elegant foil to the modernity and ingenuity of the new housing for which it is the prelude.