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Consulting Engineers & Landscape Architects



PROJECT:

Villa Street Medical Centre

CLIENT:

The Church Commissioners

ARCHITECTS:

Avanti Architects

BM SERVICES:

Mechanical, Electrical, Public Health
& Environmental Engineering

VALUE:

£1.5million (approx)

DESIGN BRIEF

A group practice doctor's surgery in an inner city area of South London required new and safer accommodation. An existing school building has been refurbished and redesigned for the practice.

DESIGN INITIATIVES/ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN

The building has a high thermal inertia and the environmental systems have been designed for low energy consumption and includes a condensing boiler and low energy lighting.

An existing two storey Edwardian building in Southwark was converted to provide new premises. This required major alterations and full refurbishment and the installation of some building services systems.

The building's existing structure is of high thermal mass and the high ceilings and large windows take full advantage of solar heat gains and daylight.

Avanti Architects consulted with the GPs to provide fully for their requirements. The external facades were restored and the internal environment is airy and light. The new practice has proved popular with both patients and staff.

The medical centre was completed and opened to patients in 2003.

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Internally a structural re-fit has enabled the space to be rearranged in an informal way. The various areas of the centre are organised in a simply and clearly with easy access between spaces.

Public and staff areas are carefully separated for privacy and security. Technology had been incorporated inconspicuously to aid efficiency and flexibility. Natural light is used extensively to illuminate the internal spaces to produce a calming and welcoming environment. A healthy and comfortable building is vital for healthy staff and patients.

Despite the use of an existing building the medical centre remains flexible for future changes and growth.

