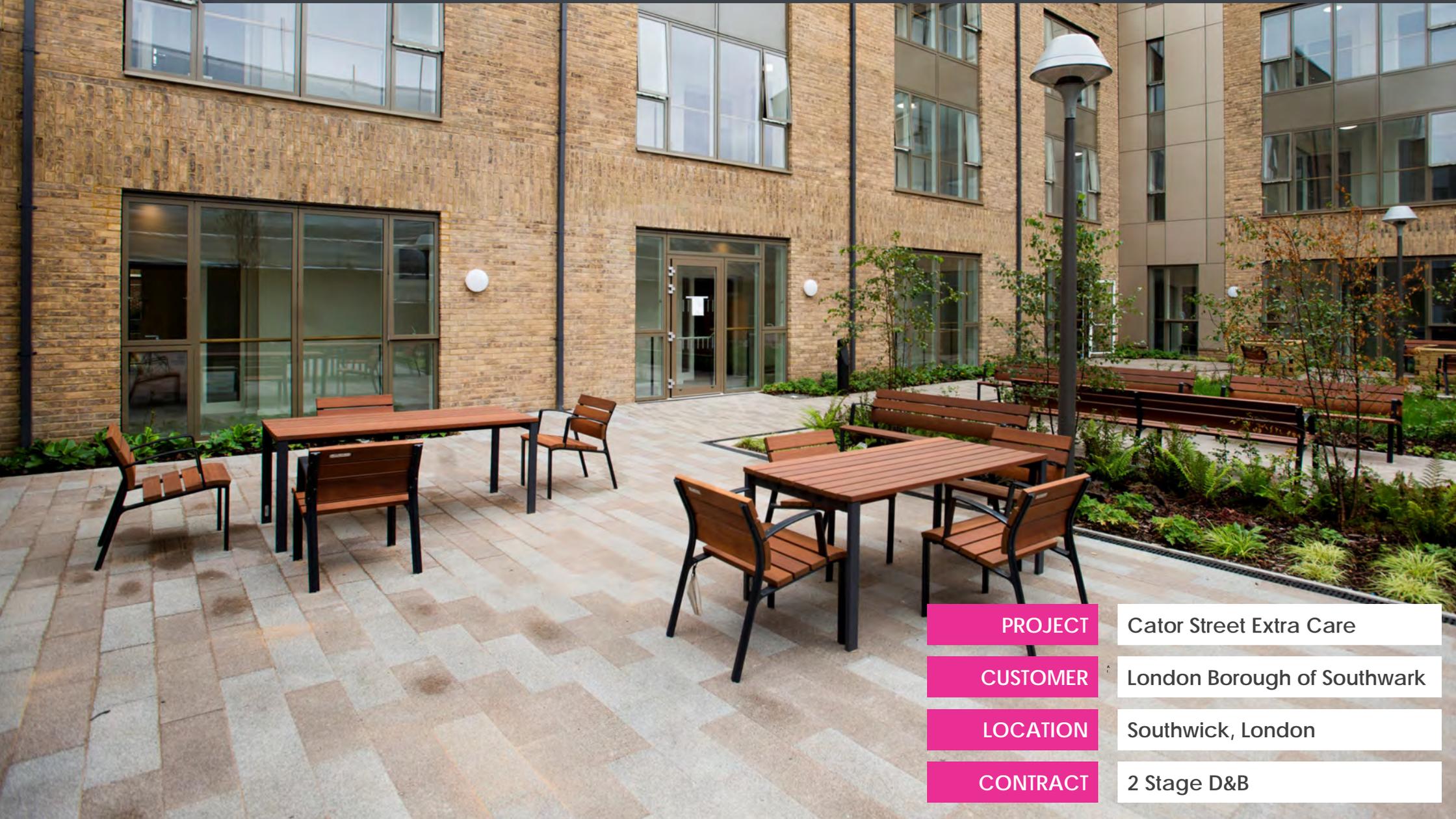




Health - Early collaboration leads to dementia facility design with patient care at core



PROJECT

Cator Street Extra Care

CUSTOMER

London Borough of Southwark

LOCATION

Southwick, London

CONTRACT

2 Stage D&B

Need

Osborne was appointed by the London Borough of Southwark to deliver a new build, 42-bed extra care facility for residents with on-set dementia and other cognitive difficulties that promoted patient wellbeing and quality of life.

The project required a carefully considered design to create a building that would meet the customer's two core requirements:

- Provide a modern, spacious facility that accommodates for the delivery of the highest possible standard of care, with a building that was sustainable.
- Create a safe and secure environment mindful of the complex physical, emotional, and mental needs of those with dementia.



Solution

Early collaboration at the commencement of the project with the Stirling Dementia Services Development Centre (DSDC) allowed Osborne to gain insight into how the building could be best designed for its purpose. This partnership led to the incorporation of innovative sensory and safety features being designed in from the outset

- Colour coded communal areas and private spaces to act as visual aids for residents to make day to day activities easier.
- Emergency cords and help switches located throughout the building.
- A secure walled garden area to allow residents to live independently.

In addition, a considered design for the building's layout allowed for the entire ground floor to incorporate a day care centre to provide hairdressing, activity rooms, and extensive dining facilities including a commercial kitchen to provide daily hot meals for all residents.

Through early collaboration, Osborne delivered an extra care facility that included plenty of sustainability features to realise the customer's requirements for low running costs. These included photovoltaic panels, rain screen cladding, and a green sedum roof.

Outcome

The project achieved the BREEAM Excellent accolade for sustainability and obtained Gold standard from the University of Stirling, a nationally recognised accreditation that assesses environments used by people living with dementia.

