

Former NHS buildings sold on in £5m deal

Scarlett Land and Development and Cushman & Wakefield have completed the sale of a portfolio of NHS Lothian properties, now deemed surplus to their requirements, generating £5m of revenue for NHS Lothian.

The properties located in the Grange area of Edinburgh have all been acquired by private buyers for conversion into what are being described as “substantial private homes”.

The buildings provided services that were linked to the nearby Royal Hospital for Sick Children (RHSC) which, until the move to Little France, was located in the neighbouring Sciennes area. After the move in March 2021 of RHSC to a modern and purpose built hospital at Little France next to the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh and Simpson’s Maternity Unit, a decision was also taken to move these services.

Three properties and a plot have been sold by Scarlett Land and Development and Cushman & Wakefield. 14 & 16 Hope Terrace (built between 1852 and 1877) opened in 1936 and housed the Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services department. 10 Chalmers Crescent (built in circa 1868) housed the Lothian College of Nursing and Midwifery and the Community Child Health Department.



Edinburgh – Forteviot Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Hope Terrace



Edinburgh – Chalmers Crescent

Scarlett Land and Development and Cushman & Wakefield were instructed as joint selling agents on the portfolio in 2019.

The joint agents will be marketing a further property at Marchhall Crescent. 3 Marchhall Crescent (Marchhall Nursing Home) is a category B Listed building built in circa 1854 and lies within the Blasket Conservation Area. It served as hospital during the First World War and subsequently became a nursing home.

Will Scarlett, Director, Scarlett Land and Development said: “The sale of this portfolio has raised significant funds for NHS from older properties within the Estate that were identified as being no longer fit for purpose; the joint agents have realised best value by selling direct to owner occupier purchasers and taking advantage of the particularly buoyant family residential market in Edinburgh. We look forward to working closely with the NHS Estates team on the

remaining instruction.”

Ollie Barron, Senior Surveyor, Cushman & Wakefield added: “We are delighted the purchasers have seen the significant potential these well positioned and historic assets demonstrated. With NHSL moving to modern accommodation, we are pleased to have achieved best value through the sales and raise over £5m on these surplus assets. We look forward to working with NHSL on the launch of a further prime opportunity later this year which is sure to generate significant market interest.”



Exterior of Marchhall



Marchhall House in the Prestonfield area of the city in the centre of this view, with Dalkeith Road in the foreground.