

WIGAN COMMUNITY FIRE AND AMBULANCE STATION



CLIENT

Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue

LOCATION

Wigan

CONSTRUCTION VALUE

£4.86m

CONTRACTOR

Willmott Dixon Construction

START - COMPLETION DATE

August 2016 - August 2017

SECTOR

Blue Light

FORM OF CONTRACT

PSPC10

DELIVERY TYPE

Design & Build



KEY KPIs



A new build, 2 storey, 1,619m² combined fire and ambulance station on the site of the existing Wigan Fire Station. Facilities include offices, gym, community rooms, training suites, make-ready bay, appliance bay, training tower, covered wash down areas, external vehicle canopies and fuel station.

Collaborative Working

Throughout the construction of this joint facility, the main priority was to continue operating from the existing fire station during the entire construction stage. To maintain the responsiveness of the GMFRS, it required continual customer communication, including flexible works scheduling, to ensure that their needs were always met. This involved the temporary renovation of an on-site training building, which GMFRS decanted into during the demolition and new build works.

Excellent Project Outcomes

- 10 local apprentices were employed on this project
- 7 work placements were undertaken by students at Wigan and Leigh College

Providing Employment for Local Residents

Lee had been in prison and upon release he was keen to get a job and get his life back on track. He was referred via The Work Company – a ‘through the gate’ organisation working with individuals newly released from custody. He welcomed the opportunity to discuss his options with our site team, who gave him a 2 week work trial. After the end of week 1, the team were so impressed they offered him a job as Gateman and Labourer on the project. During his time with us, Lee undertook further training pertinent to his job role and now the project is completed, Lee will now move to another project in Manchester.

For more information please contact:

NWCH MANAGEMENT TEAM

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“This job has made a big difference to my life, I needed to maintain a routine and it has provided a chance to learn some new working skills”

Lee, locally employed Gateman - Wigan Fire and Ambulance Station