



Architect: Pozzoni

Client: Community Integrated Care (CIC) housing

Cost: £5m

Area: 3,755sqm

Completed: 2012

EachStep, Manchester, UK

EachStep Blackley is a 60-bed care home, with five households of 12 en-suite bedrooms each, one of which is suitable for respite care. The building and model was developed by Pozzoni Architects together with client CIC's own dementia-care experts in order to create the best possible environment and quality of life for residents. Specialist lighting, furnishings and assistive technologies are employed throughout for the comfort and safety of residents. Facilities include large, dedicated activity and reminiscence areas, a gym, library, cinema and garden. Domestic kitchens and laundry facilities enable residents to continue helping out with household tasks. On the ground floor there is a 25-person day care centre along with a bistro and cafe, facing onto the street to encourage use by residents, families and the wider community. Predominantly brick, accent materials of render and cedar differentiate the angled window bays, which provide sheltered and pleasing seating areas with views of the gardens. At the rear, south-facing balconies extend household lounge areas, overlooking the enclosed gardens. A continuous feeling of space with long views is provided by the interior plan, with clear and secure circulation paths.