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City of Coventry Health Facility

At the outset the clinical brief for Sonnemann Toon's new health centre in Coventry was not fully formed, so the adoption of a modular room type and the structural solution of post-tensioned floor slabs provided flexibility for individual departments to extend and contract as the brief was refined. This approach is manifest in the building's dynamic final form.

Sonnemann Toon worked closely with the city planning department and the primary care trust to ensure the building would be fully integrated into the masterplan for the city. The resulting concept for a building with varying sized footprints at each level oscillating from floor to floor was well received by all parties, as it provided the adaptability required by the client while visually reducing the mass of the building.

A double-height, top-lit space links the ground and first floors and this helps patients to locate easily the GP

Coventry's industrial past informed the selection of colours within the building.

