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Building: University Hospital of North Staffordshire
Location: Stoke-on-Trent
Architect: HKS Architects
Main Contractor: Laing O’Rourke
Installer: Bennett Architectural Aluminium Solutions

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The North Staffordshire PFI redevelopment comprises a new acute facility, or hub and ward block, at the City General Hospital in Stoke-on-Trent. Kawneer-approved specialist subcontractor Bennett Architectural Aluminium Solutions spent 18 months on-site on the 87,000m² building which covers an area roughly the size of two football pitches.

Off-site construction methods were brought to bear on the installation of the Kawneer windows as they were pre-glazed and fitted to pre-cast concrete panels on site prior to them being lifted into position. This not only eased access requirements but allowed the building to be sealed more quickly, enabling follow-on trades to start earlier.

The North Staffordshire PFI project required the integration of a wide range of new facilities onto an existing and operative hospital campus. Services from three sites were brought together to allow the trust to deliver future care more efficiently and effectively.