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## Excellence award for Haven Court building

Haven Court, South Tyneside's innovative, integrated health and social care hub for older people and their families, has won a major building industry award.

The centre, built in the grounds of South Tyneside District Hospital by South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust on behalf of South Tyneside Council, was named Best Inclusive Building in the LABC Northern Building Excellence Awards for its high quality design to avoid barriers to access and incorporate the needs of a wide range of users.

Haven Court, which opened last summer, aims to provide a wide range of high quality support and services, including residential, day and respite care, and rehabilitation for older people, particularly those living with dementia. The emphasis is on support to live as independently as possible, with a rehabilitation and therapeutic service to enable a return home, help to use technological aids, and access to information and advice for individuals, their families and carers.

South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust's Chief Executive Ken Bremner said: "Haven Court offers exceptional facilities and is helping to improve the health and wellbeing of our growing ageing population, including the increasing numbers of people with dementia. This award demonstrates what a fantastic building it is and I hope that everyone in South Tyneside shares our pride in it."

Councillor Tracey Dixon, South Tyneside Council's Lead Member for Wellbeing and Independence, said: "This is very welcome news. We stipulated that the building should feature innovative design when we first put out the tender and this award shows we were right to do so. With its carefully defined boundaries, colour contrasting doors and walls and reassuring handrails, Haven Court has been designed with the needs of our older people in mind, providing a safe, secure and confidence-inspiring environment for all who use it."

Built by Robertson Construction, the centre was designed by P+HS Architects to cater for different clinical needs and for those with varying degrees of dementia, with internal and external features such as special colour schemes to help people find their way around, and to support independent living and general wellbeing.

P+HS Director Derek Shepherd said: "This award is a fantastic achievement for all of the people involved in the project. It recognises the commitment of the team, working with



multiple stakeholders, to provide a truly inclusive building solution for people of older age in the South Tyneside area.”

The regional LABC (Local Authority Building Control) Building Excellence Awards were presented at the Hilton Newcastle Gateshead. All the winners will now go through to the grand finals in London in November.

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*Pictured above: Haven Court, which has won a major building industry award  
Some of the team involved in building Haven Court with the award for Best Inclusive Building*

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