

# Artist Brief: Mortuary Corridor

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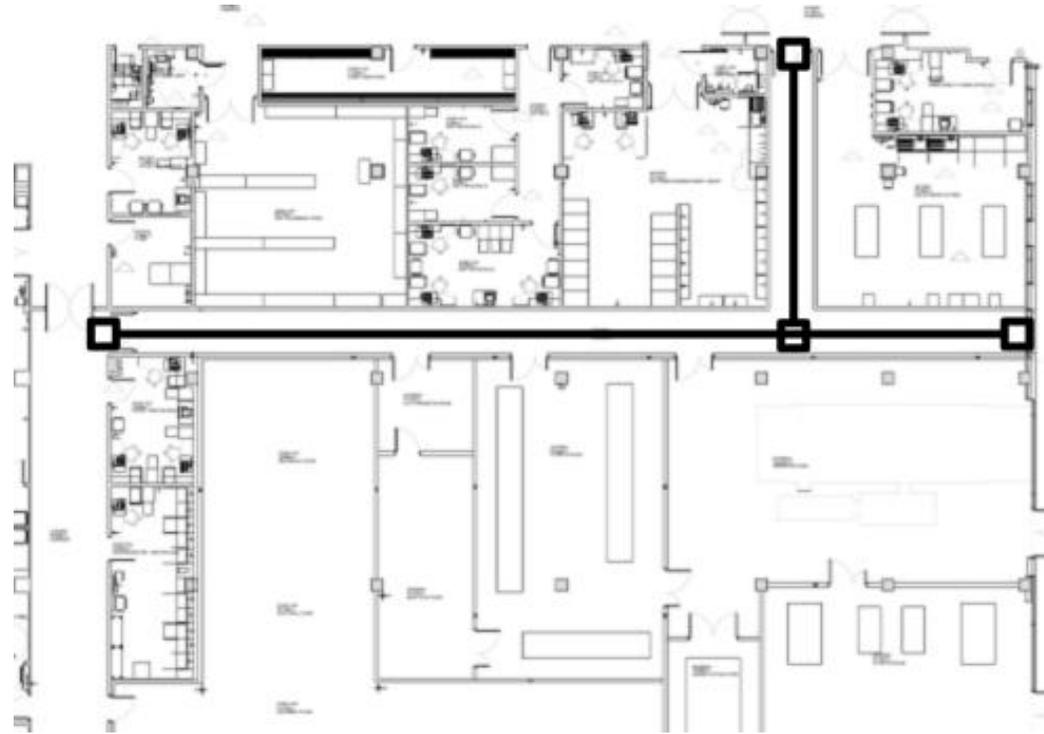
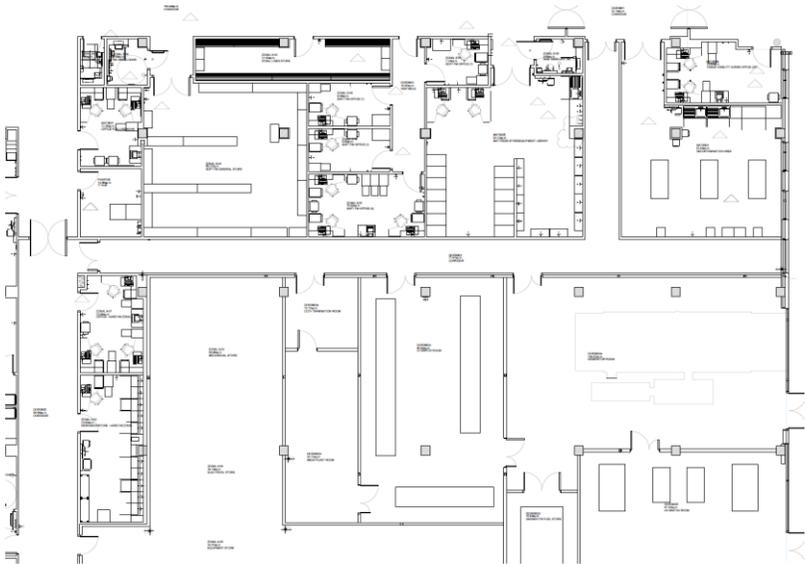
# Overview

- The Royal Stoke Mortuary route is on a busy service corridor that's not ideal for bereaved families for patients of all ages.
- Together with Children's, Estates, Patient Experience and Mortuary teams we are working to improve the experience of the closest route to the Mortuary.
- In 2025, a new route for people who are escorted by Children's teams has been implemented. Together, we would like to improve the experience.
- Overall, the project will include:
  - A new intercom and meeting point for mortuary staff and bereaved visitors
  - A new waiting area with furniture that complements the artwork
  - A sign or signpost to provide route guidance to bereaved visitors to take the new route (as part of the artwork).
  - The design of a new artwork that is across the T Junction of corridors – including a window vinyl.

# Partnership

- UHNM Charity with the Children's Hospital, Estates, Patient Experience and Mortuary teams are working together to improve the experience of those bereaved whilst at the UHNM Royal Stoke site.
- Working together, we want to provide the best possible environment for those experiencing the saddest moments.
- Together, we are inviting an artist(s) to develop an artwork where colours, patterns can be extended to furniture and signage.
- The decision-makers of who is commissioned based on initial concepts and outline approach will be decided by representatives of this partnership.

# Artworks: Location



Concept development and initial design:  
£480 (includes all expenses and vat)

We are likely to support between 1 and 3 artists in this phase from the artists who responded to the Expression of Interest.



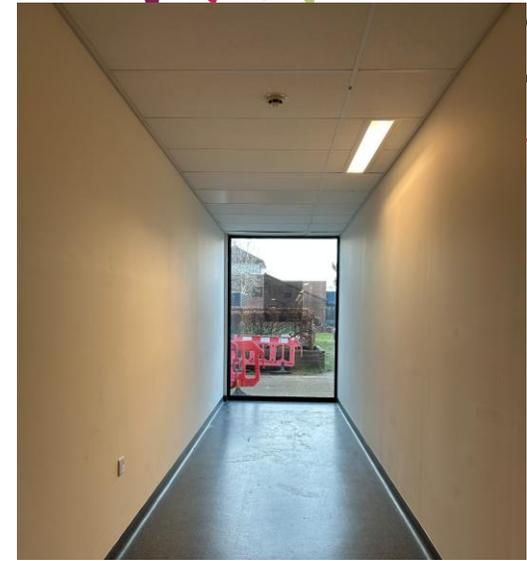
Corridor outside with space for arrow or signpost



Doors of the corridor of the new route.



Behind the doors. Location for the new intercom.



Corridor to the left – currently bed store. To be the location for the furniture/waiting. Artwork and window vinyl.



An expanse of wall to doors to the right. Left hand wall has 3 doorways to server rooms. Right wall is clear. As per plans on previous page.

# Further Considerations

All physical artworks will be considered within Infection Prevention and Fire Risk Assessments and others.

We support people from right across the communities we serve and of all faiths and none, and of all ages and backgrounds. Our artwork should be respectful and supportive.

## **Timeline:**

EOI Deadline: Monday 16 March 2026, 12pm.

Response to EOIs on outcome: Thursday 2 April

Concepts Phase completion: w.c. 11 May 2026

Design Phase: to be negotiated.

# Connected areas

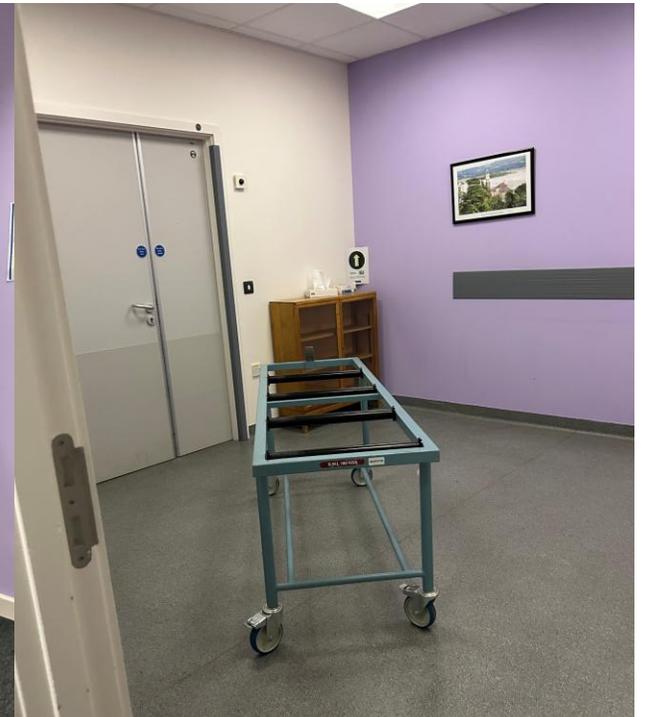
Here are some images of areas the bereaved visitors go on to visit in the mortuary.



Mortuary Wall to the reception area to the service corridor



Visitor area and children's visiting.



Adults visiting area.

# Next Steps

- We would like to invite you to respond to our brief. We pay artists to develop ideas as part of our development of concepts. This is a flat-fee of £480.
- The fees for concept includes:
  - Understanding the brief: through conversations, visits as required.
  - Concept development: initial design ideas, timeline development.
- The final commission we expect to be: £1920 (incl. expenses and VAT). This excludes installation costs.
- Your lead contact will be UHN·M Charity Project Manager – Arts: Gemma Thomas: [gemma.thomas3@uhn·m.nhs.uk](mailto:gemma.thomas3@uhn·m.nhs.uk)