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### St Ebba's and West Park Hospitals

#### Client

Crest Nicholson & Galliford Try

#### Location

Epsom, Surrey

#### Services Provided

Historic Buildings

#### Date of Completion

Ongoing

#### Key Issues

Preliminary Historic Building Appraisal



The project involved two hospital sites in the Epsom 'Cluster'. CgMs' Historic Buildings team undertook a preliminary assessment of the buildings and the impact of proposed residential development at St Ebba's and West Park hospitals in order to inform a 'risk assessment' for the clients.

The hospitals form part of a cluster of five former mental hospitals built by the London County Council from 1899 to 1926. The sites contain a large number of buildings in a mixture of styles from listed water towers and grand administration buildings to later prefabricated structures. The buildings' historic and architectural significance was assessed with reference to the sites' historic development and their contribution to two separate conservation areas.

The buildings were assessed with the development of hospital architecture in mind. The architectural plan of each hospital showed the spatial expressions of medical knowledge as it developed from a reactive to a proactive approach in dealing with mental illness.

CgMs is to provide further detailed documentary and site analysis as part of planning applications to be submitted to the Council for the sites' residential redevelopment.

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