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Coventry University has taken a national lead in setting up its pioneering Health Design & Technology institute – the HDTI.

This new facility brings the University's research expertise in community based therapy into direct contact with businesses.

The HDTI provides an environment where consumers and patient needs across a broad spectrum are brought to the fore, and where innovation is a priority.

The outcome is a creative approach to project work to develop new products and systems of care provision. The HDTI houses design studios, laboratories, workshops and test areas where researchers and clients can explore and evaluate new ideas.

The HDTI has attracted £4.5 million of capital investment from the regional development agency Advantage West Midlands, together with nearly £15 million funding from the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE)

Following the successful completion of previous projects, Coventry University chose to partner their preferred supplier Godfrey Syrett to procure the furniture for the new building.

The building is DDA compliant and has been ergonomically designed for effective use by all occupants. The furniture provided by Godfrey Syrett needed to reflect this and also be in-keeping with the design chosen throughout the building.

The ground floor is occupied by the design and usability functions of the institute and the bright and modern furniture positioned around the foyer sets the standard for the entire building with Courier tub chairs covered in a vivid green fabric.

Meeting rooms were furnished with height adjustable meeting tables with stunning white MFC tops and silver double pedestal frames, designed by Godfrey Syrett to meet the exacting needs of the University. The tables can

be lowered or heightened to meet the requirements of the user ensuring the facility is accessible to all, regardless of their ability. Freedom task chairs were chosen for the meeting rooms due to their ergonomic credentials and futuristic design.

Kala tub chairs and low circular coffee tables were teamed with plush Ortega sofa's to provide comfortable surroundings, similar to a living area, for the purpose built usability labs.

The ground floor office area was furnished with MK3 wave desks with white MFC top and cherry edging providing a modern and fresh working environment. Liberty task chairs upholstered with blue seat and black mesh back also provided ergonomically enhanced seating for the staff.

Happy chairs upholstered in a contrasting fabric were placed around a low circular table to create a small meeting / breakout area.

This was also replicated in the open office space on the first floor. Xpresso breakout chairs with vivid green shell and chrome frame were teamed with Ten square tables to create a bistro area on the first floor, Lofa leather sofas and armchairs provide a space for staff to relax.

Small meeting rooms were furnished with Korus armchairs, upholstered in the lime green fabric used throughout the building. The chrome 4 star base ensured the chairs suited seamlessly with the Ten pedestal based coffee tables with white MFC top and silver pedestal base.

As the project reaches it's final phase and the University prepare for their grand opening, Rebecca Hopkins, Project Officer said, "I'd just like to comment on how impressed I was with the whole operation onsite. I thought all of the staff (including the drivers) had a great attitude, were very professional and helpful and a pleasure to work with."

