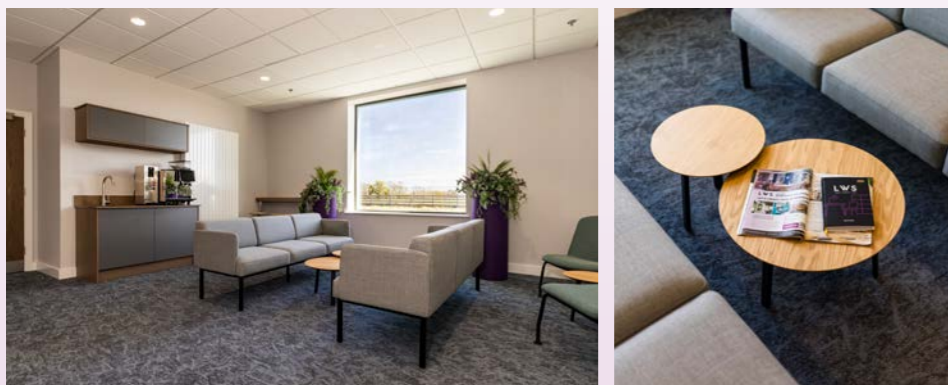


A New Look for Eakin's Comber Headquarters



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When Eakin Healthcare began transforming its Comber headquarters, the ambition was clear from the outset.

This was not simply about expanding the building. It was about creating a workplace that reflected the company's future and gave staff the right environment for collaboration and day-to-day working.

For Chief Operations Officer Neil Winstanley, the project marks an important chapter for the business.

"Our Comber headquarters is going through a significant transformation, and it's something we're incredibly proud of," he says. "Supported by Invest NI, the expansion forms part of our wider investment in creating an Ostomy Centre of Excellence, placing Comber firmly at the heart of our innovation and growth plans."

The wider expansion has introduced new production and warehouse facilities, but just as importantly, it created the opportunity to rethink how staff use the building every day. Offices, meeting rooms, shared spaces and the canteen have all been reimagined to feel brighter, more modern and more welcoming.

For Eakin, the goal was about far more than a physical upgrade. It was about investing

in people and in the working environment behind a Northern Ireland business developing life-enhancing medical devices for patients around the world.

A workspace designed around people. From the beginning, Eakin wanted a workspace that genuinely worked for its teams.

Natural light and flexibility were key priorities, particularly in a business where collaboration and innovation play such an important role. The aim was to strike the right balance between style and practicality, creating interiors that felt fresh and contemporary while still working well for everyday use.

"We wanted to create a welcoming environment where people feel comfortable and proud of where they work," says Neil.

That thinking shaped every part of the fit-out, from the office layouts and meeting spaces to the canteen and foyer, ensuring each area supports both productivity and wellbeing.

Why LWS stood out

Eakin selected LWS following what Neil describes as an "extremely competitive tender process", with the team scoring highly across every area.

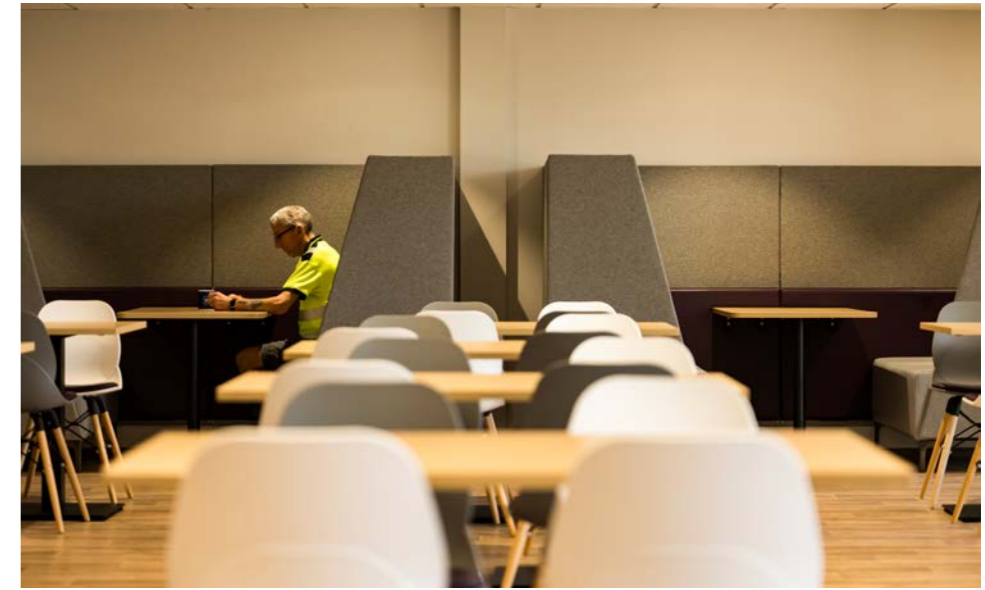
"From the very beginning, they stood out for their professionalism and attention to detail," he says.

Even before formally appointing them, Eakin had been impressed by the quality of LWS previous work and the level of care evident in their completed spaces. That gave the team confidence they had found the right design partner to help deliver something of a similar calibre in Comber.

Bringing the vision to life

As with any live project on a busy operational site, there were challenges along the way, but Neil says the overall vision remained strong throughout.

Julie and the LWS team worked closely with Eakin on layouts, carefully considering lighting, acoustics, high and low-traffic areas and how each space would be used in practice. Colour and material samples helped shape a scheme that felt right for the brand, while realistic 3D renders brought the design to life before installation began.



"When challenges did arise, the team remained flexible and solutions-focused," says Neil. "They worked around a busy, operational site and ensured the end result stayed true to our original vision, right down to the smallest details."

The power of bespoke design

Some of the most striking elements of the completed project are also the most tailored.



For Eakin, bespoke features such as the reception desk and coffee dock were central to achieving the final look and functionality of the space. Once the building was complete, it became clear that certain areas needed custom solutions that would work perfectly for both the layout and the people using them.

The reception desk has become a standout feature in the entrance, designed not only



to complement the overall aesthetic of the foyer but also around the practical needs of the staff using it every day.

The coffee dock has made just as much of an impression.

"It seamlessly integrates our branding while creating a welcoming focal point in the foyer," says Neil. "With views and natural light flooding the space, the area has become a relaxing place to pause and recharge, a fitting first impression of our Comber headquarters."

A partnership worth recommending

For Neil, one of the biggest strengths of the project was the experience of working with Julie and her team from start to finish.

"The LWS team are approachable, professional and a pleasure to work with," he says. "You genuinely feel guided through the full design experience. It's never a case of simply choosing from a catalogue."

He says the team took time to understand Eakin's people, culture and the practical needs of the building, with the same attention to detail continuing even after installation.

For businesses considering a workspace transformation of their own, that combination of expertise and care is exactly what made the difference here.

At Eakin's new Comber headquarters, the result is more than a smart new interior. It is a workspace designed to support the people inside it and a clear reflection of where the business is heading next.