



**PROJECT**

CONVERSION OF BRIGHTON CARE HOME INTO TEN FLATS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

**CLIENT**

GUINNESS SOUTH

**VALUE**

£910K

**PARTNERS**

TUFFIN FERRABY & TAYLOR



Lakehouse has turned a former Edwardian care home in Brighton into 10 flats for people with physical disabilities in a conversion seen as breaking new ground nationally in adult social care.

The 8 x one-bedroom and 2 x two-bedroom flats at Vernon Gardens, Denmark Terrace, Brighton, are fully adapted for disabled use.

Features include:

- Wheelchair-accessible kitchens and bathrooms
- Emergency call systems
- Specialist window openers
- Ceiling hoists (in some flats)

The 'extra care' service also includes staff from Care UK providing on-site support, and a resource centre run by the city's Fed Centre for Independent Living.

The £2million Vernon Gardens redevelopment was carried out for Guinness South, a member of The Guinness Partnership. Residents have been placed according to their needs by Brighton & Hove City Council's adult social care services.





For Samantha Lewis, who has severe mobility problems, moving into Vernon Gardens is a life-changing moment: *“I’ve been sharing my gran’s flat for the last couple of years, but it was too small to move around in using my wheelchair and difficult to get out and about from. This new flat is a dream come true. It means I can be more independent and come and go as I wish while having the support I need on site when I need it.”*

The council’s cabinet member for adult social care and health, Councillor Rob Jarrett, said: *“We’re committed to tackling inequality in the city. This fantastic redevelopment of Vernon Gardens is giving local people with disabilities a wonderful opportunity to live more independently and improve their quality of life.”*

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**Guinness South resident, Samantha Lewis**

David Foden, Guinness South’s head of development, said: *“We are delighted to have provided Samantha and the other residents with these wonderful new homes. There is a desperate need for this type of housing and this project is a real success story for Brighton & Hove.”*