



National
Cancer
Screening
Service

**PERCENT FOR ARTS SCHEME
INFORMATION BRIEF**

**BREASTCHECK WESTERN & SOUTHERN
UNITS**

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INTRODUCTION

Under a Government decision in May 1997 budgets for construction of Capital Projects undertaken by relevant Public Bodies should include a percentage funding for art work feature or project.

The National Cancer Screening Service (NCSS) completed the construction of two BreastCheck Units in Cork and Galway in late 2007.

The NCSS invites submissions for one or more art projects associated with the new BreastCheck facilities located at the following addresses:

- BreastCheck Western Unit, Newcastle Road, Galway
- BreastCheck Southern Unit, Infirmary Road, Cork

The maximum budget for the design(s), supply and fix for this project will be €50,000 inclusive of all costs, expenses, VAT, insurance and other charges necessary for completion including installation. The NCSS will pay a fee of €500 to each of a maximum of four artists shortlisted to Stage 2.

The competition is open to a wide range of visual artwork. There is a flexible approach to the media and nature of the project and its location. It is envisaged that the applicant may look for inspiration in the social and cultural context of each location.

ABOUT THE NATIONAL CANCER SCREENING SERVICE

The National Cancer Screening Service (NCSS) was established by the Minister for Health and Children in 2007. The National Cancer Screening Service encompasses BreastCheck - The National Breast Screening Programme and CervicalCheck - The National Cervical Screening Programme.

ABOUT BREASTCHECK

BreastCheck is a Government funded programme providing breast screening and invites women aged 50 to 64 for a free mammogram on an area-by-area basis every two years. BreastCheck currently provides screening to women through a network of static and mobile units.

The aim of BreastCheck is to reduce deaths from breast cancer by finding and treating the disease at an early stage.

Further information can be found at www.breastcheck.ie

ABOUT BREAST SCREENING

Breast screening is where an x-ray of the breast (a mammogram) is taken to look for signs of early breast cancer.

Regular breast screening means that if there are changes they will be found as early as possible. Finding a breast cancer when it is small normally means:

- There is a greater chance of treating the cancer successfully
- It is less likely to have spread to other parts of the body
- There may be more treatment options available

Finding cancer early is important. Breast screening and better treatments are helping to lower deaths from breast cancer. Screening programmes in other countries have greatly reduced the number of women dying from breast cancer.

BREASTCHECK WESTERN & SOUTHERN UNITS

BreastCheck Western Unit

The BreastCheck Western Unit is located in the grounds of University College Hospital Galway and screening of eligible women began at the Western Unit in early December 2007.

Women aged 50-64 living in Counties Galway, Sligo, Roscommon, Donegal, Mayo, Leitrim, Clare and Tipperary N.R will be screened from the Western Unit and four attached mobile digital screening units.

The unit is a two-storey building adjoined to the HSE Symptomatic Breast Unit and is a purpose built breast screening facility. The unit provides a dedicated reception area, a comfortable waiting room and good changing facilities on the ground floor.

The design team included:

Architects: Cullen Payne Architects

Civil & Structural Engineers: Malachy Walsh & Partners

Mechanical & Electrical Engineers: J.V. Tierney

Quantity Surveyors: Davis Langdon PKS

The main building contractors were J J Rhatigan.

BreastCheck Southern Unit

The BreastCheck Southern Unit is located on Infirmary Road in Cork in close proximity to South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital and screening of eligible women began at the Western Unit in early December 2007.

Women aged 50 - 64 living in Counties Cork, Kerry, Limerick, Waterford and Tipperary SR will be screened from the BreastCheck Southern Unit and four attached mobile digital screening units.

The unit is a four-storey stand alone building and is a purpose built breast screening facility. The unit provides a dedicated reception area on the ground floor and a comfortable waiting room and good changing facilities on the first floor.

The design team included:

Architects: Cullen Payne Architects

Civil & Structural Engineers: Malachy Walsh and Partners

Mechanical & Electrical Engineers: J.V. Tierney & Co

Quantity Surveyors: Davis Langdon PKS

The main building contractors were P J Walls.

PAYMENTS

The NCSS will pay a fee of €500 to each artist shortlisted on receipt of Stage 2 proposals. The successful applicant(s) from Stage 2 shall agree a payment schedule as part of the contract. Payments shall be made in accordance with the schedule outlined in the contract upon receipt of invoices and reasonable progress.

PERMITTED PROJECTS

Projects financed under this scheme should display the highest levels of artistic excellence, be innovative in their nature and display a high level of understanding for the sensitive setting and people (clients, visitors and staff) involved. These may include:

- Commissioning permanent or temporary visual art
- Purchasing existing artwork

ART FORMS

Art forms for this project will be limited to visual art forms.

Materials used and form of artwork must also be sensitive to this particular environment. Consideration must also be given to the energy consumption and low maintenance aspect of the artwork.

SCHEDULE

1. While not mandatory, it is advised that all artists arrange a site visit to each unit.
 - Western Unit site visit will take place on Thursday 3 December 2009
 - Southern Unit site visit will take place on Friday 4 December 2009Please phone Mark Phillips, Purchasing & Procurement Officer 01 8659 373 to arrange a time. Please do not attend the Unit without arranging a prior appointment as screening will be taking place.
Artists will not be reimbursed for expenses incurred.
2. Proposals shall be submitted to the Administration Officer of the National Cancer Screening Service containing all relevant information as outlined in "Applications Details"
Deadline – 5pm Friday 18 December 2009
3. A Selection panel will make a recommendation on received proposals.
Deadline - 5pm Friday 15 January 2010
4. Short listed applicants will have submitted their developed proposals to include all information required for Stage II as outlined in "Applications Sections"
Deadline – 5pm Friday 19 February 2010
5. Project Completion
End of May 2010 (Maybe subject to negotiation)

APPLICATION DETAILS

Applications for Stage I must contain the following information:

1. A typed proposal (maximum 200 words) outlining ideas and concepts for the project
2. Two to four illustrations or other format appropriate for the purpose of communicating physical and artistic content of the project
3. An up to date Curriculum Vitae
4. A maximum of 5 images/examples of previous works labelled with the artist's name, title of work, indicative dimensions and location as appropriate
5. A completed application form
6. Estimated budget and time scale for completion.
7. S.A.E for return of proposal

Applications for Stage II must contain the following information:

1. A typed proposal (maximum 500 words) outlining ideas and concepts for the project
2. Details of materials to be used, timescale for completion of the project and budget
3. Sufficient models, maquettes, illustrations etc. for the purpose of communicating scale, proportion, materials, location and artistic content of the developed project
4. Satisfactory evidence of safety, durability and maintenance requirements as appropriate
5. Proof of ability to deliver the project within budget and on time
6. Assistance/Support the artist requires at the time of installation (e.g. Lifting equipment, power etc.) to be identified

Artists should note that they should make themselves available for consultation with the selection committee at any stage of the competition's decision making process. Artists will be given reasonable advance notice of this consultation. A small fee may be paid to alleviate travelling expenses. This fee will be taken out of the art budget.

Applications will be assessed using the following criteria:

- Concept
- Quality of proposed artwork
- Integration of the physical, social and cultural context of the work
- Impact and benefit for the Unit environment and community
- The feasibility of the commission

It is the intention of the NCSS to appoint one or more commissions.

The selection panel will comprise:

- Staff representatives from the NCSS
- Representatives from each local county arts office
- A representative from the Health Service Executive

If any other information is required regarding the project please contact:

Mark Phillips
Purchasing & Procurement Officer
01 8659 373

Applications should be sent to:

BreastCheck Percent for Arts Scheme
Mark Phillips
Purchasing & Procurement Officer
National Cancer Screening Service
4th Floor
King's Inns House
Parnell Street
Dublin 1

**The National Cancer Screening Service reserve the right not to proceed with
any of the submissions received.**

**The National Cancer Screening Service
BreastCheck Southern & Western Units – Percent for Arts Scheme**

STAGE I: APPLICATION FORM

Surname

First Name

Address

Tel

Fax

Email

Date

Signed

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I wish to apply for this competition and enclose the following (please tick):

- ☐ **Typed Proposal**
- ☐ **Project illustrations etc. (please specify)**
- ☐ **Curriculum Vitae**
- ☐ **Images of previous work (please specify)**
- ☐ **Estimated budget and timescale**
- ☐ **S.A.E for return of proposal**

IMAGES

BreastCheck Western Unit

Exterior View 1



Exterior View 2



Interior Shots – BreastCheck Western Unit

Reception





Sub Wait





Corridor



Conference Room



BreastCheck Southern Unit

Exterior



Reception



**Conference
Room**



**Meeting
Room**



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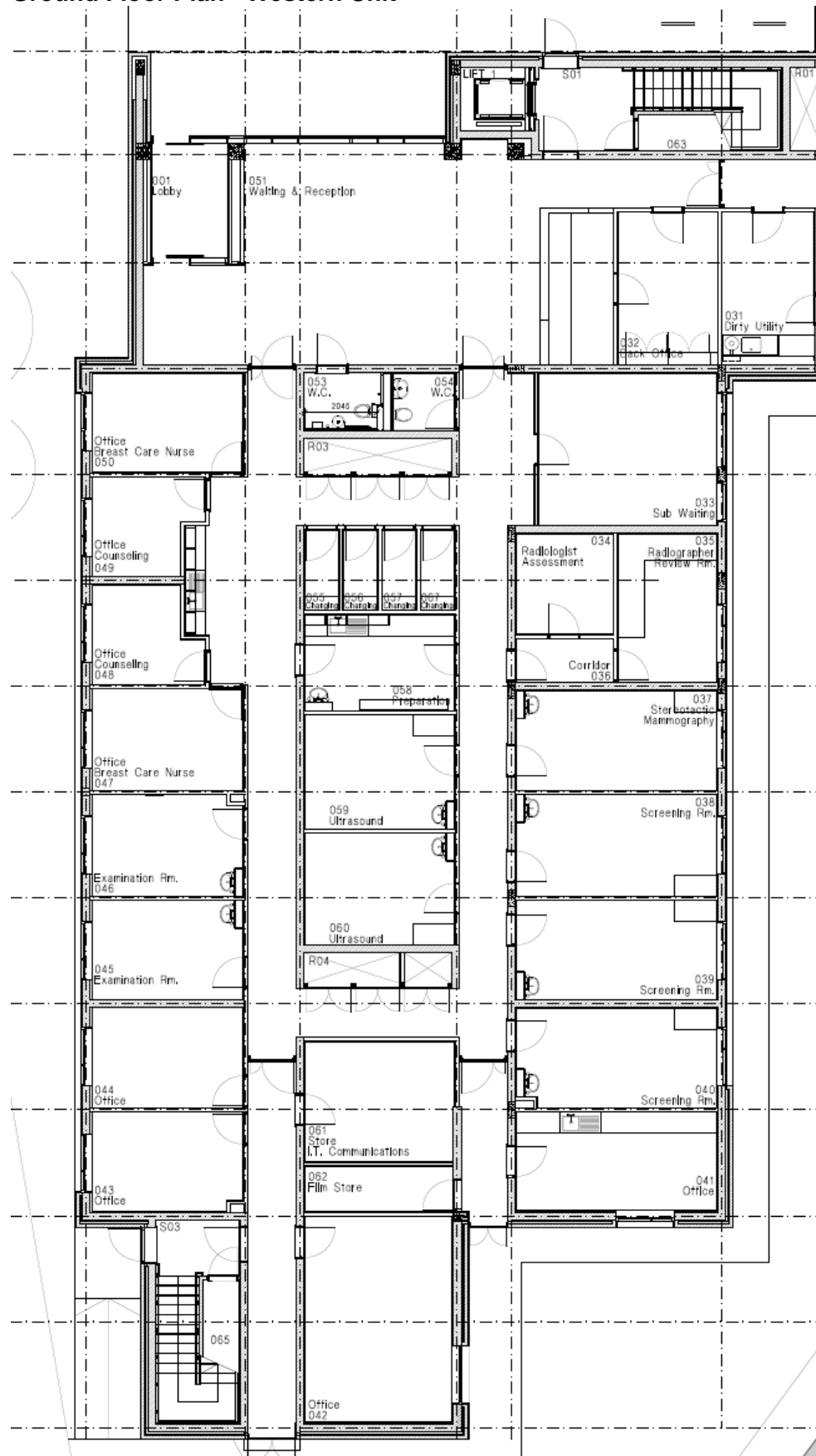


**Nurse's
Office**

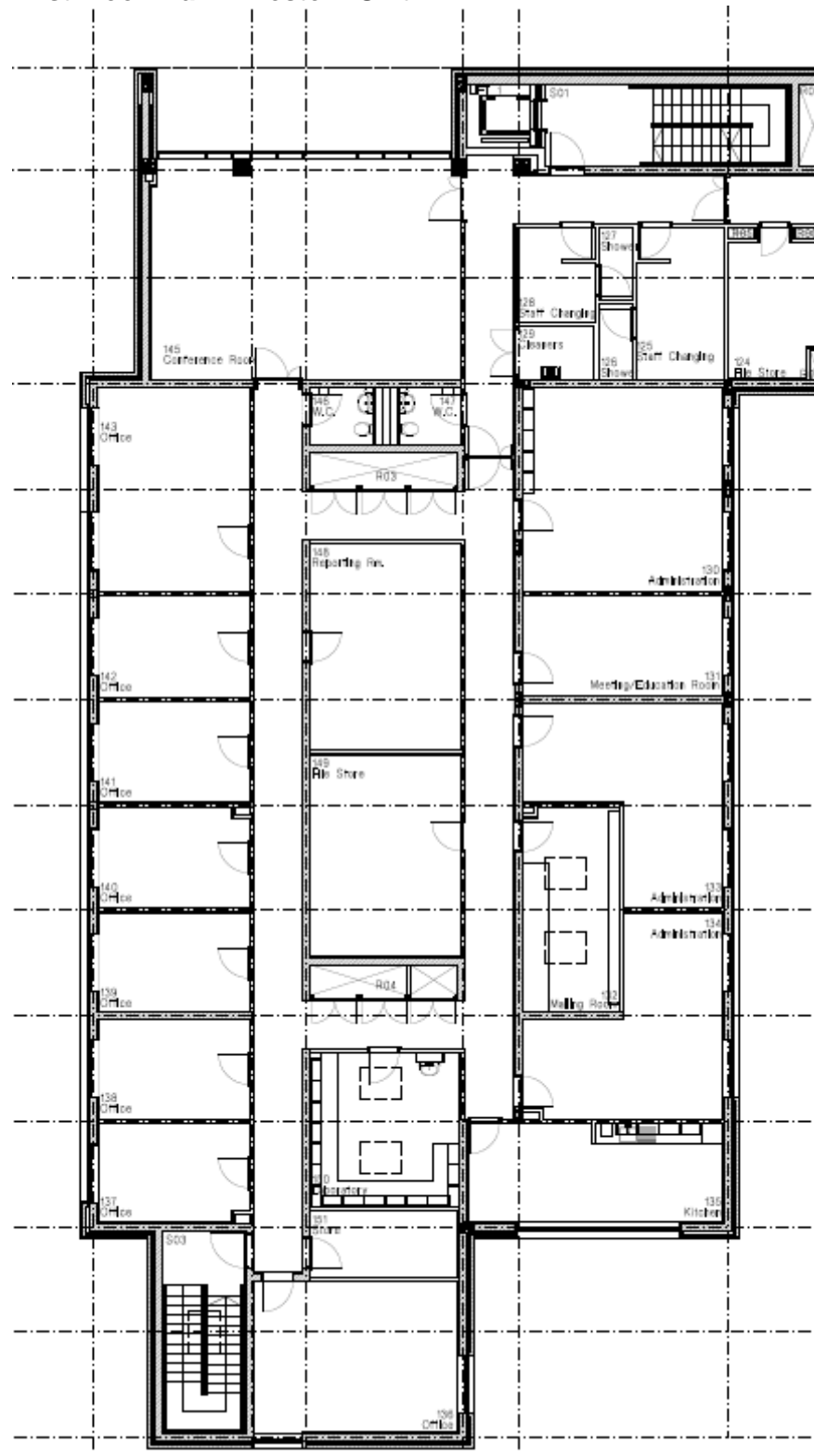


FLOOR PLANS

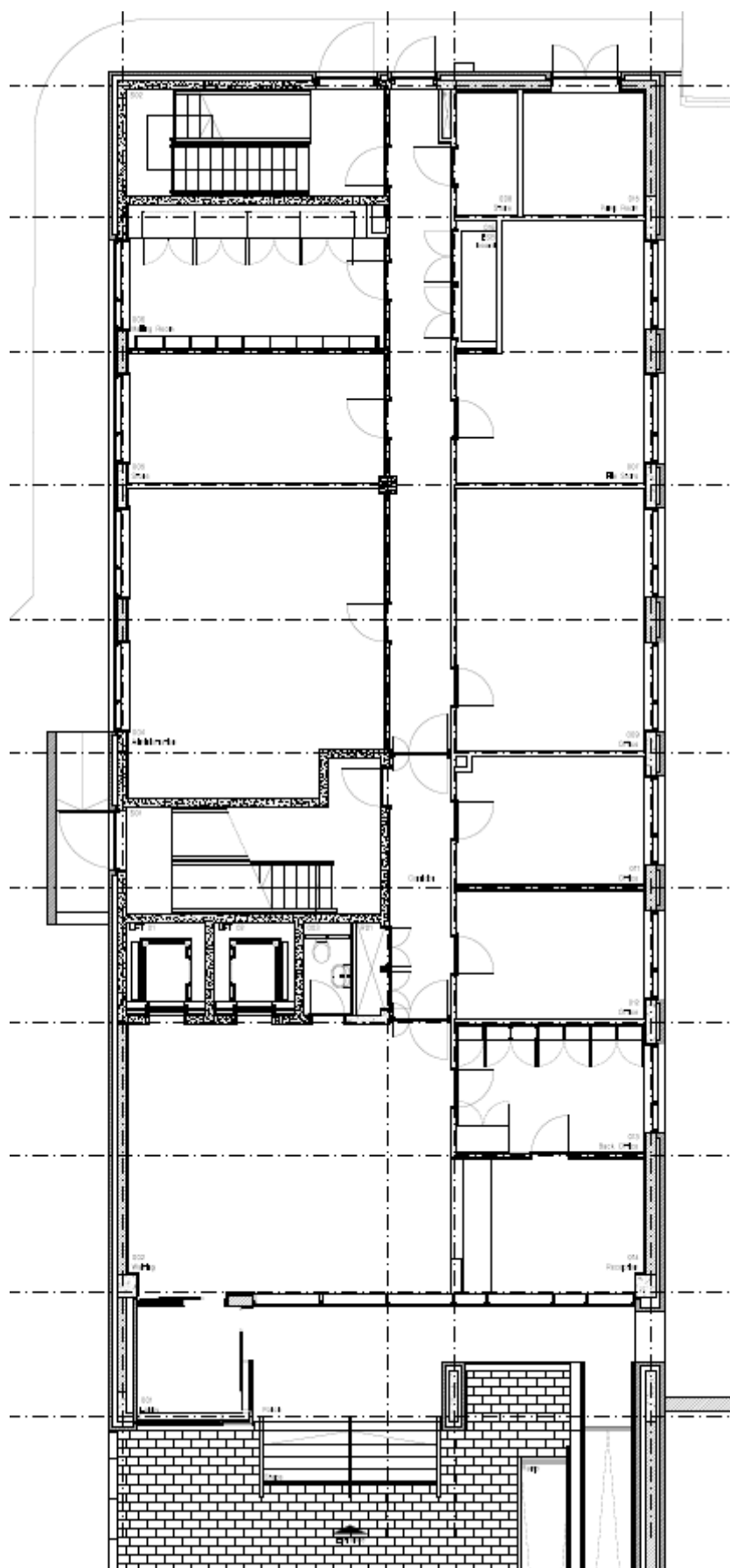
Ground Floor Plan - Western Unit



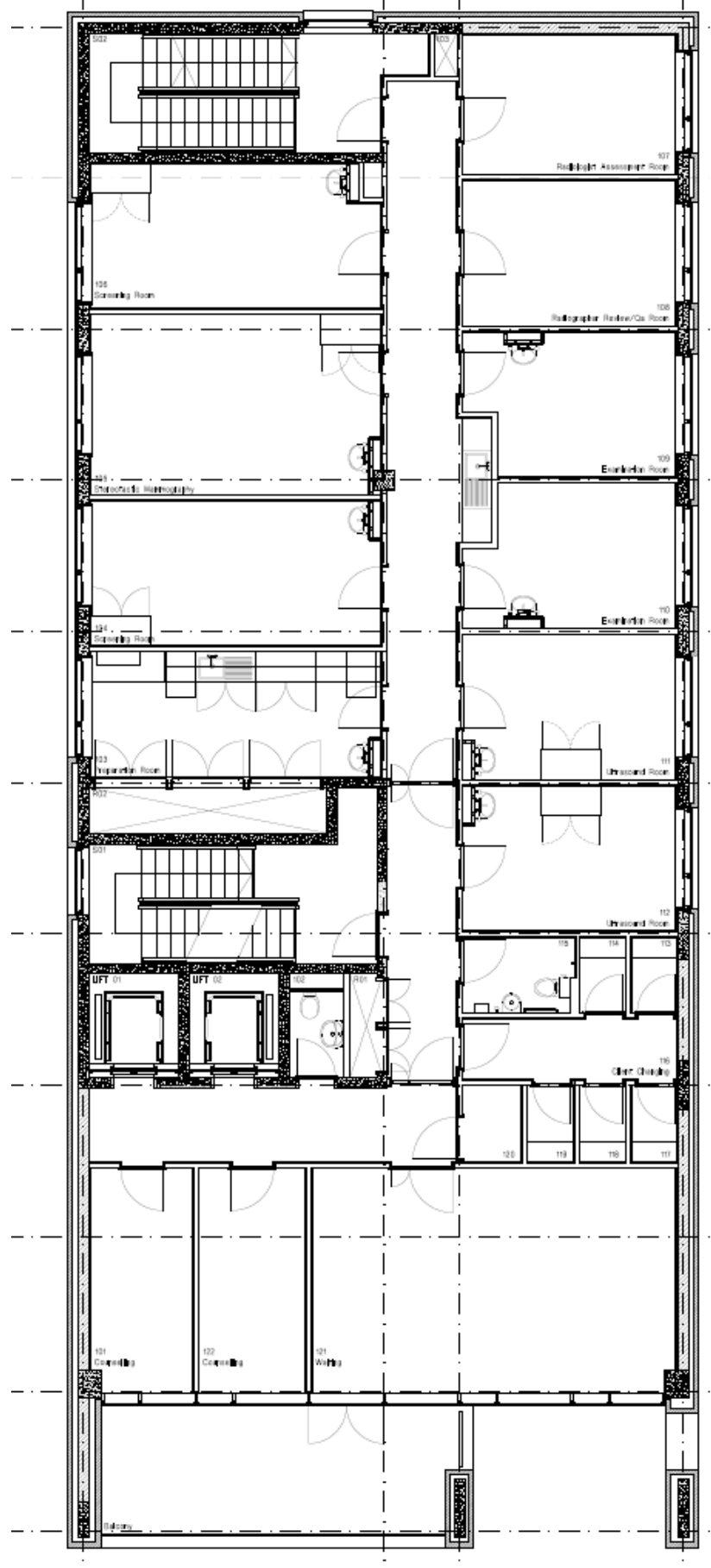
First Floor Plan – Western Unit



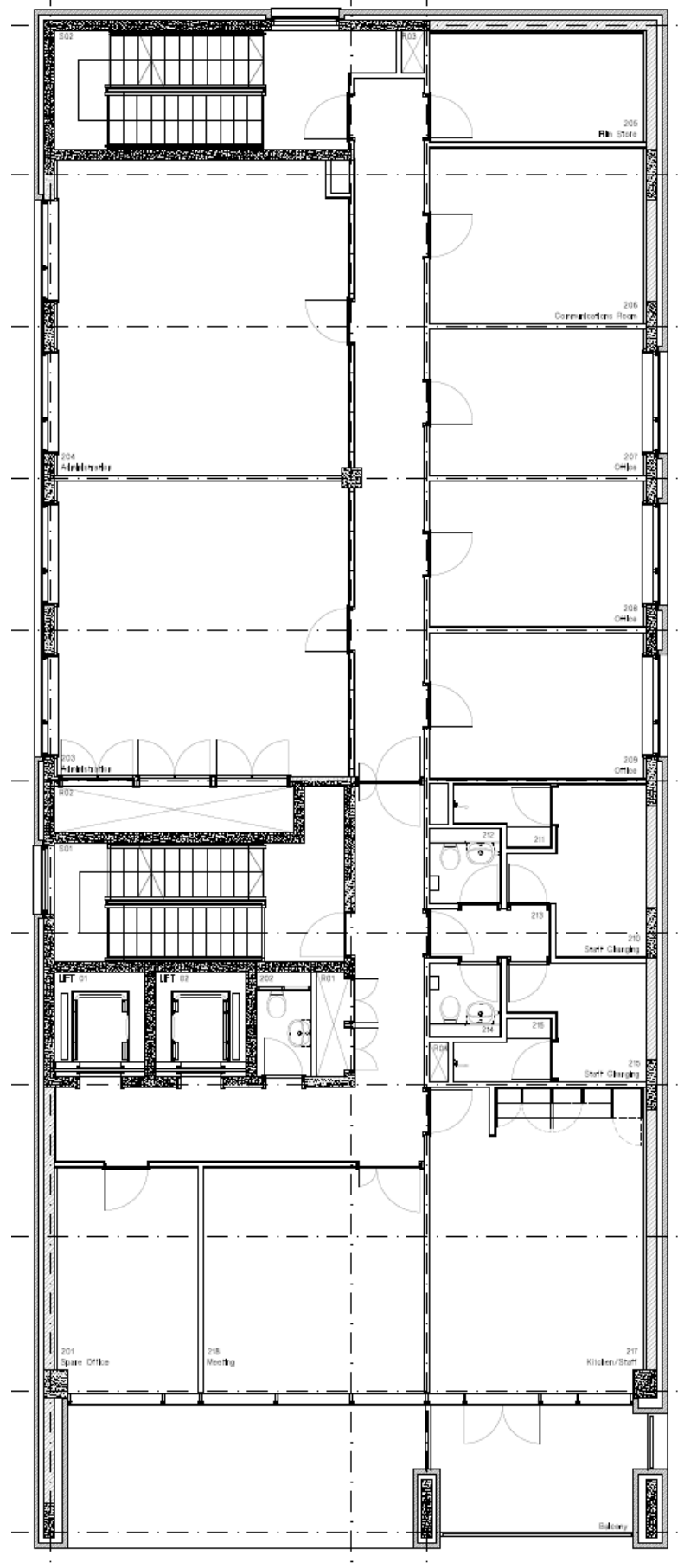
Ground Floor Plan – Southern Unit



First Floor Plan – Southern Unit



Second Floor Plan – Southern Unit



Third Floor Plan – Southern Unit

