

## VOTE FOR THE BEST PROJECT

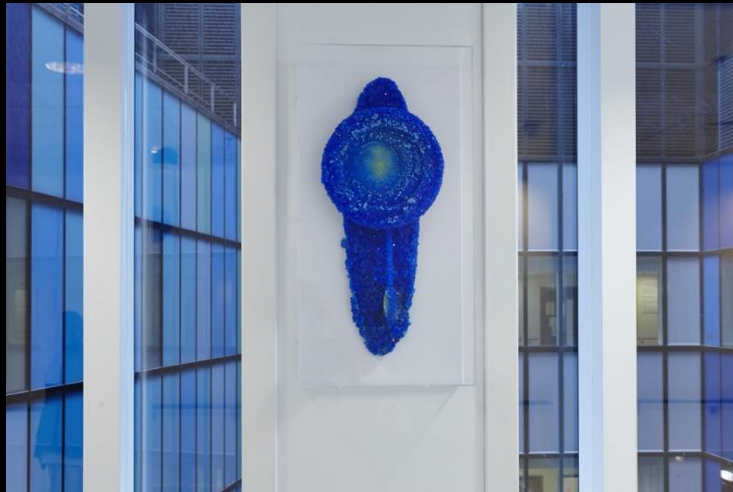


Image: Roger Hiorns, Untitled 2012 - The Royal London Hospital

## Vital Arts (UK)

Vital Arts is the charitably funded arts organisation within Barts Health NHS Trust. They enhance the clinical environment and improve patient experience by delivering innovative art projects to public hospitals in some of the most deprived areas of the UK. Vital Arts offers patients access to significant contemporary art, including works by Roger Hiorns, Catherine Yass, Darren Almond, Hurvin Anderson, Richard Wentworth, Peter Liversidge, Cornelia Parker among others. Central to Vital Arts is selecting artists who have not previously made work for hospitals. As such, they take risks, understanding that the intensity of involvement, the scope of ambition, and working in such a powerful context often pushes artists into new artistic territories. Vital Arts also stages temporary exhibitions, runs an artist-in-residency programme, manages an extensive art collection, and produces limited edition artworks to generate revenue because they fundraise for all projects. All projects are site-specific and born of a long engagement by the artists. Along with commissioning permanent artworks, Vital Arts also brings music, dance, performance and literature into the hospital, partnering with organisations such as the London Symphony Orchestra, Royal Academy of Music, Tate. These might include dance workshops with dementia patients or singing to pre-mature babies in incubators.