Bethlem Museum of the Mind

The Bethlem Royal Hospital Archives and Museum is the UK’s only full-time museum service specialising in mental illness. Inspiring the word 'bedlam', Bethlem holds continuous records since 1559.

The Heritage Lottery Fund bid will allow the Archives and Museum to move to a new, larger building on the Bethlem Royal Hospital site, and fund excellent, innovative interpretation of the collections.

Bethlem’s Museum of the Mind project represents a step-change in the interpretation and accessibility of the Archive’s exceptional art and heritage collections. This major capital project sees a relocation from cramped, dilapidated accommodation to a more spacious, central building on the hospital site, so as to better suit the needs of audiences.