

Case Study

The Central Manchester Hospitals

Client: Bovis Lend Lease Ltd.

The redevelopment of the Central Manchester Hospitals is one of the largest PFI healthcare schemes to date. The re-provision of four existing hospitals on the Manchester Royal Infirmary Site and the creation of a new centralised state of the art Children's Hospital. Reputably the largest in Europe.



This sets the scene for HP Contracts solution to the Window covering challenge Bovis Lend Lease had to face. After yet another incident of child strangulation using Blind Cords Bovis Lend Lease with the significant Children's Hospital in mind decided to seek window coverings which were anti ligature.

The current monocontrol systems did not fit the budget and this gave HP Contracts the opportunity to design a new type of Vertical Blind to meet the design criteria and the budget.



The development of this scale of new facilities on the site of a functioning hospital created enormous constructional and

logistic difficulties. A complex series of phases involving service decanting, decommissioning and demolition was devised to enable the new buildings to unfold on the site of former facilities and alongside continuing services.

More than 20 phases were necessary which required also a window covering which could be modified in size on site and also had the ability to centrally park the fabric.



Continuing on the anti ligature theme and in particular a case where a patient used the plastic capping strip of the Cubicle Tracking the current solution of cutting this strip into small lengths was not accepted due to hygiene reasons.

This gave HP Contracts another opportunity to show its problem solving skills in a short timescale. A totally new product for Cubicle Tracking was designed, manufactured and installed within budget and within the allotted time.

Assistance was also requested from the Sodexo Investment Services Ltd. The need to implement cost saving methods into their Cubicle Curtain Laundry saw HP Contracts in action again.

We designed a now patented curtain hook to speed up the

removal and replacement of cubicle curtains.



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