RFL - IRCU Minor

Healthcare / Refurbishment

Key Features:

- Refurbishment of several clinical areas
- Site adjacent to a high-containment laboratory
- Works in compliance with HTM and COVID-19.

Situated adjacent to an operational high-containment laboratory, we refurbished several clinical areas for the Royal Free Hospital. Now complete, this project provides a revitalised new radial lounge, WCs, two staff bases, a clean store, bed bays and a family room. Works included the strip-out of these areas, followed by the installation of new flooring, ceilings, partitions and shelving. The redecoration of existing walls was also delivered.

Construction within a High-Risk Infection Control Area

This project was delivered under strict infection control guidelines. Under HTM 00-09, Infection Control in the Built Environment, our site was categorised as a Class 3 Risk.

As a result, we complied in full with the robust infection control measures required. Amongst several other key protocols, this included; the isolation of the HVAC system, robust dust mitigation barriers around site, strict waste / material movement controls onsite, maintaining negative air pressure within the site, not removing barriers from our work area until the complete project was clinically cleaned and ensuring a strict cleaning regime was implemented at the end of each working day or following waste / material movements around the site.

Moreover, owing to the high containment level laboratories adjacent to our site, we employed additional safeguards to ensure the highest possible mitigations for infection control. This included specialist cleaning of the IRCU corridor following movement and wet/dry/tack mat system deployed in the lobby area of the laboratory.

Furthermore, our route through the IRCU was managed by way of a sterile corridor in order to safeguard access for the adjacent Heart Attack Centre route. Foot traffic had to deploy plastic overshoes when accessing / egressing site via a sterile corridor, with all dusty clothing left on site.

Client:	Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust
Project Value:	£300,000
Programme Duration:	25 weeks
Architect:	Hazle McCormack Young LLP
Quantity Surveyor:	WT Partnership