IR Recovery Unit

Healthcare / Refurbishment

Key Features:

- Fast-track programme creating six recovery bays
- Works adjacent to X-Ray Machines and Plant
- Strict compliance with COVID-19 safeguards

Our brief was to redevelop the existing offices within the department in order to provide six new recovery bays for patients. Additionally, we also were tasked with installing a new nurse base, an accessible toilet, AHU, IPS and UPS.

Each bay had interstitial blinds, set within the windows and sliding doors, installed in order to enhance privacy and light management. Moreover, a variety of light settings were also delivered to aid patient rest and recovery.

Owing to the enhanced COVID-19 safeguards in frontline healthcare environments, each new recovery bay was fitted with sliding glass doors. This physical barrier now acts as a key infection control agent, ensuring the new treatment area is a COVID secure environment. Underpinning the doors are wall mounted screens. Once unveiled, these screens depict blossoms and beach scenes. In addition to mitigating the spread of COVID-19, these peaceful images serve to aid in the mindfulness of patients about to undergo, or who have undergone, treatment.

Critical Access/Egress Controls

Access/egress to the operational X-Ray rooms was only possible through our site area. To enable clinical team and patients continued use of these diagnostic facilities, we established a shared access route through our site. This was clearly segregated via hoarding lines, with extraction fans mitigating for dust. Regular visits from the Trust Infection Control team were coordinated to ensure they continued to be satisfied with our approach to controlling the risk of patient/staff access/egress through our site.

Adjacent Critical Areas

Works were delivered within a busy A&E Department. The importance of our continued monitoring procedures was exemplified by the operating theatre directly above our demolition zone in this project.

Client:	St George's University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Project Value:	£1,200,000
Programme Duration:	15 weeks
Architect:	Hunters
Quantity Surveyor:	WT Partnership