KCL Viapath Laboratories

Higher Education / Refurbishment

Key Features:

- Laboratories refurbishment
- Within a 'live' Hospital
- Close collaboration between KCL and the Trust was essential

We were tasked by Kings College London to relocate their Viapath Laboratories. The plans were to take the existing laboratories from the South Wing Block 7 lower ground floor at St Thomas's Hospital and move them to the 3rd floor Bermondsey Wing at Guy's Hospital.

Our scope of works consisted of: strip out works, plasterboard dry linings/ partitions/ceilings, linings, panelling, partitions, IPS panels/duct wall panelling system, demountable suspended ceilings, doors, redecoration, general fixtures/furnishings/equipment, sanitary appliances/equipment, fire stopping systems and joinery works.

A challenging site environment

Owing to the live Hospital departments surrounding our site area, particular methods were agreed with KCL and the Trust to ensure the safety and uninterrupted daily routine of nearby stakeholders. Significantly, 'live' clinical facilities on the floors above and below were to be protected throughout.

Significant other challenges, overcome in this complex project, were:

- There was a quiet period maintained between 7.30am to 8pm during weekdays and Saturdays. No noisy activities were performed during this period
- Operatives were required to enter the site area on the 3rd floor via a goods lift. We had to liaise with the maintenance and estates team, whom used the lift regularly, in order to ensure we did not disrupt their ongoing activities. The lift was protected, with conditions photos recorded
- Security passes were required from both GSTT and KCL as to get to the site area, as our operatives had to pass through each parties respective facilities
- Due to the restrictive off-loading space, large deliveries were booked with the Trust for the weekends to enable safe off-loading and transporting of materials/equipment to the working areas during quiet periods

Client:	Kings College London
Project Value:	£300,000
Programme Duration:	9 weeks
Architect:	Architon LLP
Quantity Surveyor:	Gleeds