

Project case study



Contract details

Velindre Cancer Centre provides specialist cancer services to over 1.5 million people in South East Wales and beyond. They are one of the largest cancer centres in the UK with over 5,000 new referrals and around 50,000 new outpatient appointments each year. They employ over 670 staff with an annual budget of over £49 million.

Ian Williams were contracted to completely fit out a new room for the installation of a Mediwell drug dispensing unit. The preparation works comprised of stripping out of old cupboards and preparation of electrical and data systems for the new unit.

Access to drugs is under strict control and the requirement included additional works for a swipe system to get into the room. This was linked into the fire alarm system to allow a safe and speedy exit in the event of a fire.

As the works involved capping off water pipework, Legionella flushing was completed daily and samples sent to the laboratory for testing.

The entire fit out of the room included special Corian worktops selected for their hygiene properties. Also included were the refit of suspended ceiling, additional cupboards and shelving, flooring, painting and decorating, new blinds for windows and a special radiator cover from Contour casings for keeping dust down and preventing burns. Sloping surfaces wherever possible were used to help reduce dust settling onto surfaces.

Some of the original base units were re-used where possible and other waste wood products were recycled.

During the works, we worked with the nursing staff to understand exactly how the room would be used and carry out modifications during the works to suit their needs.

Works were direct delivered by Ian Williams staff who were DBS checked and received bespoke inductions provided by the hospital.

The works were carried out in a live ward, with 'end of life' patients in adjacent rooms. Particular care was therefore taken to keep any noise and dust to an absolute minimum. We co-ordinated the removal of waste material (kitchen units, cupboards) with the nursing staff to minimise risk of disruption and injury to staff and patients.

The handover meeting was held with key staff including the Estate Manager, Capital Planning Manager, Senior nursing staff and the Hospital Infection Clinical Control Team).

Customer Name

Velindre NHS Trust

Contract

Internal electrical and decoration works for sophisticated drug dispensing room

Project features

- Complete refurbishment and fit out for a drug dispensing unit, including electrical and data works and full redecorations
- Co-ordinating works across all Operatives to complete the project in challenging timescales
- Handling and installation of specialist hygienic worktop

Advantages/benefits

- Knowledge and expertise of dealing with trapped water and Legionella detection and prevention
- DBS checked staff who were able to work sensitively in a terminal care environment
- Flexibility to make modifications as the work progressed in order to meet nursing needs