

Whittington Hospital



The five-year refurbishment programme currently at the Whittington Hospital in Highgate, North London has now extended to the staff changing areas with an installation that not only meets specific operational requirements, but which also makes an important contribution to infection control.

The facility, installed by personal storage specialist Link Lockers as incumbent supplier through NHS Supply Chain, features a series of robust, steel locker units in both the male and female changing rooms. Because all steel Link Lockers products supplied through the NHS Supply chain agreement come complete with BioCote protection, the facility also minimises the risk of cross contamination as BioCote protected products contain silver, a natural anti-microbial with a high efficiency against bacteria, mould and fungi.

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A significant proportion of the hospital's 2,000 medical and support staff now gain from the Link Lockers installation.

Some 500 individual locker units are available in the two changing rooms, each of which provides a series of individual storage areas for day-to-day use. Additionally, catering staff have purpose-designed garment collection points built into their locker layout enabling them to dispose of used clothing safely and hygienically at the end of each shift.

Design Collaboration

Link Lockers' design response to the Whittington Hospital's requirements starts from a detailed recommendation on the layout of the rooms to provide both the optimum number of compartments in the available space and ease of access. The robust construction of the steel locker units is also ideal for an environment of this type where traffic is constant throughout the day. Details such as sloping tops on locker runs to prevent the risk of material accumulating on the top of each unit, and a light blue paint finish to meet specific aesthetic requirements laid down by the hospital management team were included at the design and specification stage.

"We are delighted that the specification has met the criteria defined by Whittington Hospital in terms of layout, capacity and, vitally, its help in minimising cross contamination risks with the use of BioCote," comments Link Lockers Director of Sales, Joeri Decae. The Link Lockers installation reflects the hospital's commitment to high quality staff facilities with integral infection control.

The Client says:

"The Link Lockers design provides both a deposit-based, key operated system for full time staff as well as extending the locker facility to temporary workers via a coin operated option. We have also had some larger units incorporated into the design to offer an alternative capacity of locker to staff. Overall, the layout has been specified to make the most of the available space while accommodating the irregular shape of the rooms themselves. A series of benches and hooks located at key points by Link Lockers also add a further useful changing facility."

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