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Shared Business Services

Two years in to the four year NHS Shared Business Services Framework we are seeing increasing numbers of clients turning to the framework as a way of procuring healthcare specialist consultants with a proven track record to help them deliver their projects in a cost effective manner.

Whilst existing clients are increasing the number of projects put through the framework, new clients are turning to the framework as an alternative, or supplement, to P21+, as it allows

them to utilise the wealth of specialist knowledge and expertise from local SMEs.

The Framework was established to provide a contractual vehicle for NHS Trusts, and other Blue light organisations, to facilitate the procurement of high quality, value for money construction consultancy services. T.A.D.'s team of specialist, SME practices with extensive experience in the sector was successfully appointed to the framework to provide a "one stop shop" for all construction consultancy disciplines, including; Project Management, Architectural Services, CDM Advice, Building Services Design, Quantity Surveyors and Structural Engineers.

Ways of Working

Following our work with Nottinghamshire County Council and Kier to revolutionise their office environment and enable them to deploy new flexible ways of working we have been expanding this philosophy to the High Peak and Staffordshire Moorlands alliance.

The Strategic Alliance between High Peak Borough Council and Staffordshire Moorlands District Council is delivering efficiency savings through the shared deployment of key services. As part of these savings we have been working with the Asset Management team, through our new Architectural Services Framework, to identify opportunities within their existing office bases to more effectively use space, accommodate more flexible ways of working and provide an environment in which people want to work.

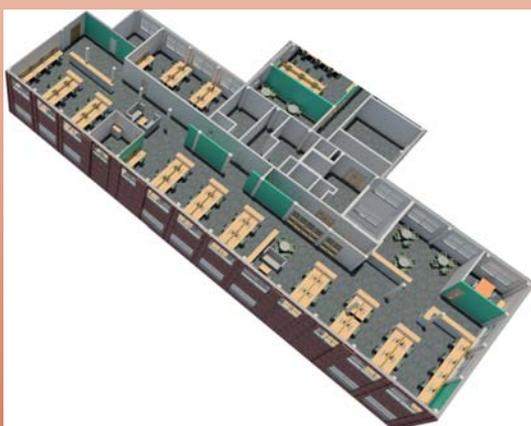


The current economic climate has led to all Public Sector bodies having to do more with less and we at T.A.D. believe we can help organisations to deliver efficiency savings through;

- better utilisation of space,
- better working environments leading to more satisfied and productive staff
- flexible space and furniture solutions to suit modern methods of working

To enable these changes we work with organisations to identify; underutilised areas through Space Utilisation Studies; identify environmental improvements through condition surveys and appraisals and; conduct space planning exercises and visualisations to maximise opportunities.

Our experiences with Nottinghamshire County Council and with the Staffordshire Moorlands and High Peak Alliance has given us a unique insight to opportunities that exist to create modern and productive office environments. This understanding combined with our healthcare expertise gives us a unique ability to develop efficiency solutions for non-clinical areas of healthcare facilities.



Maternity Improvements at Kettering General Hospital

T.A.D. have been assisting the Trust with the delivery of improvements to the Maternity Care setting, with our Architects leading the refurbishment within the Rowan Ward and Rockingham Wing and our Authorising Engineers assisting in the commissioning of the new Maternity Theatres at the Hospital. This work was just a part of the changes made in the department that has now been recognised as a National Awards finalist.

The improvements relate to a series of projects – funded by the Trust and through some national grants - that have taken place over the last year.

These include:

- A £4.4m Maternity Theatres project which includes two new state of the art theatres and a recovery area
- A £200,000 upgrade of bathrooms and showers in Rockingham Wing - providing en-suite bathrooms in its labour suite and on Rowan Ward supported by funding from the Department of Health's Improving Maternity Care Settings Fund
- A £200,000 secure maternity records system that is accessed by laptop computers by hospital and community midwives – with funding from the national Nursing Technology Fund.
- £350,000 of associated improvement work and new equipment. This has been put in place across the maternity unit including new flooring, new workstations, and a new bedside call system throughout. A second water birthing pool has also been installed and is in use.



Lead Midwives Polly Leigh and Mara Tonks have been involved in overseeing the improvements – which have caused a certain amount of disruption to normal working. Mara said:

“We are incredibly proud of the maternity and theatre teams who have worked through many changes over the last 12 months. The teams have maintained excellent high standards of care despite the disruption caused by the ongoing building works. Our teams are thrilled to have had this significant investment to support their services. It's already making a real difference both to the patient experience and to staff morale.”

HTM 08-02: Lifts - June 2016 Revision

“Hot off the Press!”

This revision has an important note to users on page vi regarding the impact of major changes to European Directives, UK Acts and Regulations and in particular to the BS EN 81 suite of standards. There is clear guidance on the (unusual) phasing in of the new standards and the repercussions on those commissioning new lifts in the interim. It is recognised that “a state of flux exists” with serious consequences of overlooking this – and getting it wrong!

Professional roles and responsibilities” are brought in line with the HTM suite of documents, details of BREEAM credit system and reference to BS EN ISO 25745 series of standards on energy performance are also included.

Pressure Regulations 2000

TADFM have extended our services to provide an Authorising Engineer service for Pressure Systems, as governed by the Pressure Regulations 2000, and highlighted by the recent publication of a Scottish HTM 08-08 on the subject, which is a clear indication of the way forward. The scope of the Regulations is very specific as one would expect, but perhaps also wider than many realise.

All the usual participants are involved, Designated Person, Authorising Engineer, Authorised Person, Competent Person (Insurance Inspector) and Mechanical Tradespersons who operate in the usual structured manner to produce and operate Policies, Procedures and a Safe System of work to visibly demonstrate Compliance and satisfy HSE, CQC requirements via our audit process.

We are already advising clients as diverse as Acute Trusts with steam raising boiler plant to Community trusts with much less intensive activities, and always tailor our service to suit each individual client whilst maintaining a consistency of approach across all AE disciplines.

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HTM 05-02: Firecode Revisions

HTM 05-02 – Guidance in the support of functional provisions (Fire Safety in the design of healthcare premises) was revised in Nov 2015 but has everyone picked up on the changes.

The application of HTM 05-02 is now limited to a premises providing specific regulated services types, which helps to clarify its scope, the guidance on consultation has been expanded which helps to highlight its sphere of influence, and emphasis has been given to the need to plan the operational activities of an emergency evacuation plan into the design stages of any project to close the loop to the requirements of the Fire Safety Order.

The technical details now contained in Chapters 2 – 7 have been reconfigured, and now include in Chapter 2 comprehensive guidance on designing for fire safety in premises providing in-patient mental health services and in-patient accommodation for patients with learning disabilities

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