

Molift Overhead Hoists installed as new residential and nursing unit prepares to open in Grimsby

The Etac team were part of the project that transformed Cambridge Park into a residential and nursing home in 2 weeks, installing 12 Molift Overhead Hoist Systems in 2 days.



Background

Cambridge Park, formerly an empty care home bought by the Care Plus Group, will help in the fight against Coronavirus. It is being converted to a residential and nursing home which will increase community bed capacity, alleviating pressure at Grimsby's Diana Princess of Wales Hospital. It will keep people out of hospital or provide a destination for early hospital discharge, freeing up acute hospital beds.

Care Group Plus, a social business, is an organisation working in communities across North East Lincolnshire and is a key part of the local health and care system as the local provider of NHS community health and adult social care services. Care Plus Group's overall aim is to help improve people's health and wellbeing and enrich people's lives. Their work falls into three broad areas – nursing and healthcare in the community, intermediate care between hospital and home and disability and rehabilitation services.

<https://www.careplusgroup.org/>

The Project

Care Plus Group purchased Cambridge Park Care Home in January 2020. At the time the plan was to refurbish the home and relocate the rehabilitation and re-ablement services from their current location at The Beacon in Cleethorpes to Cambridge Park.

Due to the expected unprecedented demands on health and care services and to support local efforts in dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic, the local health and care system agreed that the home be rapidly refurbished so that it could be made available to support health and care services locally. Cambridge Park will be used to provide both nursing and residential care to those patients who need additional support after leaving hospital and before being discharged home or where individuals require a short term intervention to prevent them from having to be admitted to hospital. The unit, which is due to be open by the end of April, has 52 beds.

Tight Deadlines

Etac R82 was asked to look at the building by Vicky Henderson (MCSP) the Moving and Handling Advisor for the local NHS trust on 20th March. We provided detailed plans and quotations later that day for 12 Molift Overhead Hoist Systems.

Vicky has worked with Etac in the past and was aware of the benefits the Molift hoisting systems would bring to the nurses, care staff and patients.

The information we provided supported Vicky in her case to provide the necessary hoisting equipment. Once approved, emergency Covid-19 procurement measures enabled the project to be advanced within days.

The Etac team then had to move fast to ensure that the 36 rails and 48 upright supports required were available for installation on Thursday 9th and Bank Holiday Friday 10th April, the 2-day slot allocated for us to carry out this work.

The Etac Team

The work was managed by Colin Williams, Category Sales Manager for Overhead Hoists. Adam Kew, Area Sales Manager, dusted off his toolbox to assist with the installation, cutting rails and uprights supports all day. Mick Walsh and Craig Nicholls, our experienced installation engineers focussed on installing the equipment.

Due to the number of systems requiring fitting and the short time frame, Etac were also assisted on the installation by one of their key partners Candor Care and their installation engineers, Carl, and Jordan. Once a system of work was established the teams quickly moved from one room to another.

Social Distancing

With the current social distancing restrictions in place, working on site had its challenges. The Care Plus Group allocated the time slot for the hoist installation, so the teams could work alone in the area allowing them to work safely.

Finding overnight accommodation was much simpler than initially thought. Oaklands Hall Hotel the local Best Western Hotel just outside Grimsby was catering for key workers. A letter from the Chief Executive of the Care Plus Group allowed the accommodation to be booked.



Ceiling track installed and room ready to be furnished

Social distancing rules of course also applied in the hotel, but guests were very well looked after with room service and grab and go breakfasts which were greatly appreciated.

The Overhead System

The system installed will give full room coverage, allowing support workers and nursing staff to move patients effortlessly and freely within the room. The hoist can also be used with the Immedia SatinSheet system provided, to turn patients which can assist staff with personal care.

The free moving Traverse Systems allow staff to maintain good moving and handling practice whilst moving their patients. It allows positioning to be effortless, and reduces the physical efforts required by the care givers.

The Result

Jane Miller, Chief Executive at Care Plus Group who owns and will operate the facility, said: "The work that has been carried out is just phenomenal. This facility provides a new and additional 52 bed resource for North East Lincolnshire's health and care system and in light of the current Covid-19 crisis this will be extremely beneficial." "It's just amazing to see the amount of work and the quality of the work that has been completed in such a short space of time." (Peter Craig, Grimsby Telegraph, 16/04/2020).

Vicky Henderson, Moving and Handling Co-Ordinator, thanked Colin and the team for "working so flexibly and completing the job to such a high standard in the narrow time frame given."



A fully furnished room ready for its first patient.