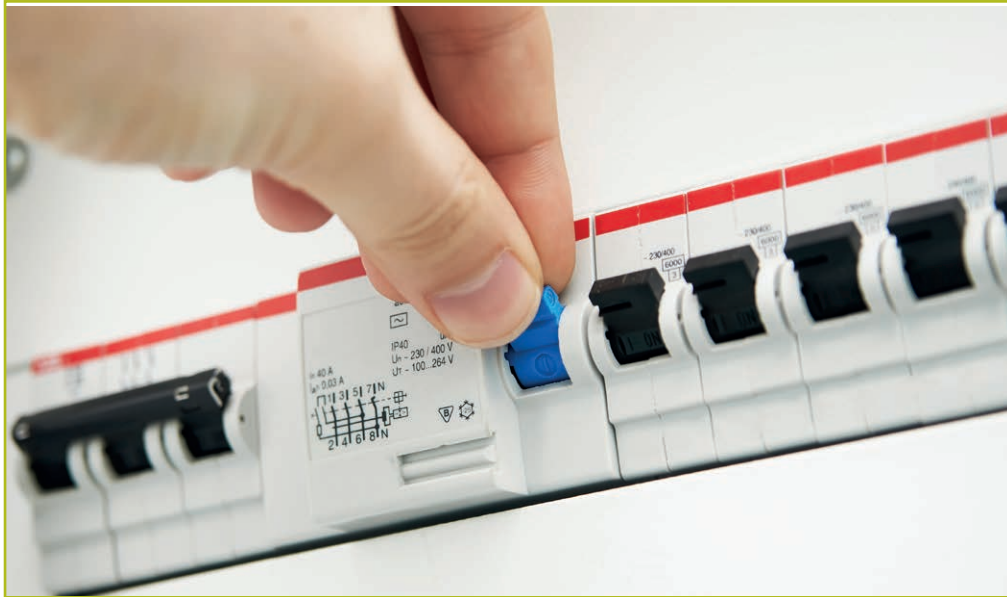




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Premier Technical Services Group PLC (PTSG) has completed essential Portable Appliance Testing (PAT) at several London hospitals.

Work was carried out on behalf of CBRE at St Mary's Hospital, Charring Cross Hospital and Hammersmith Hospital, which are all part of the Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust, and Royal Berkshire Hospital and Chelsea & Westminster Hospital.

PTSG has a proven track-record of successfully carrying out work to a consistent high-quality in high-pressure hospital environments and understands the sensitivities and complexities involved when working on these critical sites. Work carried out by PTSG ensures that these healthcare establishments meet Health and Safety compliance.

All of these sites required rigorous assessment with attention to detail. Successful delivery of contracts of this nature requires extensive planning and preparation to manage the logistical challenges when working on NHS sites and provide consistency, continuity and quality of testing.

To that end, PTSG appointed a Contract Manager for the duration of the contract to act as the single point of contact for the customer and have responsibility for planning, organising, managing and delivering the works. The same PAT team was also maintained throughout the contract and a lead engineer on site provided a point of liaison for the client.

A detailed planning exercise, looking at contract delivery, finalised a programme of work for each site and assigned adequate resources to ensure the delivery of the work to an agreed timescale. In addition to this overall timescale a weekly schedule of work was put in place at each of the four sites.

This planning exercise allowed the development of contract specific administrative processes and, where necessary, the implementation of contract specific operational procedures to ensure that PTSG were able to meet all contractual requirements.

PTSG's on-site teams were provided with a methodology covering work at each site to ensure that testing was carried out consistently, safely and in a manner that complied with the requirements of the customer's specification. The progress of the works was monitored against these schedules with additional resources provided when required.

Work at these hospitals will continue and a review of this contract will allow continued improvement of our work at these sites.

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Phil Campion, PTSG's operations director for electrical testing, said: "There are a number of sensitivities and issues that arise when delivering services of this nature at hospitals. Naturally these sites are all critical and nothing can get in the way of the vital day-to-day services that they provide.

"We have to be clear when planning to ensure that works are delivered on-time, do not disrupt the work of the NHS and are carried out with the utmost efficiency. Through careful planning, rigorous assessment, attention to detail and excellent communication, we overcame the challenges faced at each of these sites. Our achievements at each hospital can be measured in terms of compliance. This is because compliance in all areas ensures a high quality of work, which is crucial when dealing with life-dependent systems."

PTSG provides a multitude of specialist services for the Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust. Imperial College Healthcare provides care for more than one million people each year, offering a range of community services across north west London. Other recent PAT services by PTSG at London hospitals includes work to the Cancer Treatment Centre at Guys Hospital in south east London.

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PTSG undertakes all fixed wire testing in accordance with BS7671 IET Wiring Regulations. This ensures compliance with the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974, Electricity at Work Regulations 1989 and the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999.

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