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Premier Technical Services Group Ltd (PTSG) has delivered fire and security solutions at NHS Nightingale Exeter, one of the first temporary hospitals set up by NHS England for the COVID-19 pandemic.

As the COVID-19 pandemic first took hold in the United Kingdom, its government and the public health services of the home nations started planning the creation of temporary large-scale critical care hospitals to provide cover for the projected increase in patients likely to require this type of treatment. It reflected wider NHS re-structuring to prepare for the COVID-19 pandemic and anticipated strain on NHS services.

The NHS Nightingale Hospitals are seven critical care temporary hospitals established by NHS England as part of the response to the COVID-19 pandemic in England: Birmingham, Bristol, Cumbria, Exeter, Harrogate, London, Manchester and Sunderland. The hospitals were named after Florence Nightingale, who came to prominence for nursing soldiers during the Crimean War and is regarded as the founder of modern nursing.

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PTSG previously completed a flash project in ten weeks to make NHS Nightingale Exeter safe, secure and ready for use. However, due to lack of use it was decommissioned early in 2021. Since the decision was made to once again provide COVID-19 treatment at the hospital, the facility in Sowton, Exeter has been used to provide diagnostic scans to local people, host a COVID-19 vaccine trial and train overseas nurses.

Specialists from PTSG Fire Solutions Ltd were contracted to complete enabling works for the new project to progress, re-install all the old equipment add and modify systems to allow for the new layout, fully test and re-commission in a matter of weeks ready for Royal Devon and Exeter NHS to take the building back on. They include fire alarms, air sampling, access control and CCTV. The systems have recently been handed over; witness testing was approved and there are just a small number of minor changes left to make.