



Project Fact File



Hertfordshire
Partnership University
NHS Foundation Trust



Pexhurst rises to the challenge of tight deadlines in fast-track office fit-out for the NHS

Client

Hertfordshire Partnership
University NHS Foundation Trust

Project manager

Pellings

Location

Saffron Ground, Ditchmore Lane,
Stevenage, Hertfordshire SG1 3LJ

Value

£261,000

Hertfordshire Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust provides health and social care for people with mental ill health and those with a learning disability.

When the Trust looked to provide new facilities for Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) at its Saffron Ground location, it turned to long-standing contractor Pexhurst to turn around the demanding fit-out in double-quick time.

Working closely with the client's nominated consultant Pellings, Pexhurst has more than met the challenges of the project, delivering the facilities on time and on budget. As main contractor, Pexhurst has overseen all trade subcontractors on



this Category B tenant fit-out, adapting internal office layouts and providing new facilities to meet the Trust's demands. Now, open plan offices, a new reception area, private meeting rooms, toilets, and staff areas provide the Trust with a fresh, modern office environment - a significant upgrade on the previous location, which was housed in an old 1960s block.

The tight six-week timeframe for delivery proved the biggest obstacle for the team to overcome. For example, in NHS facilities, surfaces need to be covered in a hygienic plastic cladding, 3-4mm thick. This must be measured to order and is cut off-site at the factory, before being fitted around all walls and columns on-site. Given the lead-in times for ordering the sheeting, Pexhurst needed to accelerate its programme, finishing all joinery, plasterwork, and dry lining well ahead of sheeting subcontractor Yeoman Shield coming in to measure up.

Pexhurst has also overseen additions to building services, including the late addition of comfort cooling which necessitated quick procurement and installation of air conditioning units. The tight timeframe also meant that Pexhurst turned to a local joinery firm to quickly deliver a bespoke reception desk, something that might usually take 6-8 weeks - time that the team simply didn't have.

With often delicate interviews taking place in a CAMHS unit, great care had to be taken to acoustically isolate the meeting rooms. Pexhurst has utilised double glazed units containing acoustic pads in the cavities, where windows have been put into stud partitioning to bring light into meeting rooms.

A high-class fit-out from Pexhurst in double-quick turnaround has created a modern new home for the Trust and the people of Hertfordshire that need to use this facility.

