

Case Study

Health Centre

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Before



Practice Makes Perfect

As health centres become larger and more diverse in their services, equally the need for enhanced storage systems becomes more paramount, as can be found with the Poplar Grove Health Practice in Aylesbury.

The very effective solution for this thriving practice was delivered – in every sense - by Railex Projects, the longest established British manufacturer of specialist medical records management. In fact, this is as much a case of storage progress as just another installation.

The 12000 patient records and related documents were originally stored on 13 open Railex Rotary carousels which whilst clever in their day, took up a lot of precious space and needed all round access. It has to be said that this system also did not provide long term protection for the documents in question.

Business Manager Gareth Collings maintained his link with Railex and saw his answer in the form of the innovative Mobile Storage System. In simple terms. this consists of bays of vertical cabinet units mounted on a tracked plinth, which enables the bays to be opened or closed up as required, at the light turn of a wheel. The

internal configuration can be varied as required, and it is a truly user-friendly and safety minded concept. For Mr Collings, the impact has been dramatic and very effective. "The new design has made an enormous difference to both the way the space works, and the extra room released for office staff. In turn the contents are much easier to access, whilst also being more secure – with the simple locking device - and fire resistant. It has greatly improved the working environment and looks much more modern and professional. With seven Partners and two Registrars, plus support medical staff, the practice is set to grow significantly and the mobile concept in fact allows for expansion up to 15000 patients. I would say that we have now saved at least 50% of the original space taken up by the carousels. It really has been a very successful venture".

