



Asbestos Case Study

Asbestos Eastbourne District General Hospital



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The Shield Asbestos Removal Southampton branch was contracted by Veolia, to undertake asbestos removal at Eastbourne Hospital in East Sussex. These removal works were necessary to facilitate planned refurbishment works to the windows within the hospital.

Eastbourne District General Hospital has an emergency department and hosts a range of services, including acute assessment, elderly care, neonatal intensive care, ophthalmology and ENT. The hospital has many specialist and critical care services, so it was vital that it remained fully operational during these works.

Working in a live hospital environment can bring many challenges. At Eastbourne, the logistical location of the works was confined to the outside of the hospital, accessed via fixed scaffolding. In addition, there were numerous other on-site trades. As a part of the work, our three-man team worked under fully controlled conditions to remove the external AIB window panels. All works were carried out in accordance with the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012 (CAR2012), and the Licenced Contractors Guide HSG247.



External enclosures accessed via scaffold walkways

To ensure everyone's safety on-site each operative was required to undertake the Veolia company inductions prior to gaining site access. This ensured that all operatives had up-to-date training for both asbestos-related and construction industry standards. Daily programming meetings were also held with the client and the trust to ensure the smooth running of the project.

As the hospital remained fully operational throughout the duration of the contract works, it was imperative to regularly monitor the works and modify them when required to minimise disruption to the hospital and members of the public. When required, we carried out internal sheeting works at 4:30 am, so that the medical activities were not impacted during the hospital's working day. This was managed via our participation in daily site meetings.

“Shield was employed to remove all the existing AIP panels adjacent to windows and replace & seal with a non-combustible board. The works had to be carried out within a compact programme before commencement of a new insulated facade system including new windows. At every stage of the process we found Shield was proactive in their planning, work application, liaison and maintained a high level of H&S awareness and attitude. We would have no hesitation in recommending Shield for future works.”

Brian Dilley, External Packages Manager

“Eastbourne Hospital is a high profile, live environment project in the NHS, where Shield's contractors worked to a high standard in a professional way with a positive attitude, working in and out of wards, offices and corridors, liaising and communicating through the right channels to achieve the removal of AIB. Veolia would like to thank the Shield team for all their hard work.”

Nicholas Game, Senior Projects Manager