

Making child's play of children's hospital relocation

P. Fahey & Sons Ltd was awarded a 'Tender for the Removal Service for the Relocation of Central Manchester & Manchester Children's Hospital' and is currently completing a major relocation for the NHS Trust.

The company was invited to tender against a number of other relocation companies and won the major proportion of the contract, sharing the remainder with another local removal contractor.

P. Fahey & Sons Ltd has been contracted to move Booth Hall Children's Hospital, St Mary's Women's Hospital, The Royal Eye Hospital and Manchester Royal Infirmary Adults Hospital. Also included in the project was the movement of the Clinical Sciences Building, including laboratory areas on the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital site. The move included all laboratories, libraries, nurseries, wards, offices, pharmacies and chemical moves including biohazards, radioactive materials, art/artefacts, drugs, medical records and specimen slides from all hospitals to the new £500 million buildings on the Manchester Royal Infirmary site.

The whole project required detailed co-ordination and planning, from the initial five-day walk round to assess the requirements to presenting the tender. Simon Fahey, the Removal Service Project Manager, attended preparatory and project planning meetings and liaised with the commissioning group, agreeing move methodologies and the labelling strategy to be used, then Fahey's site foreman and crews - working to the overall move plan - started executing the relocations, working to strict time schedules, shift working patterns and seven days a week for over a three month period.

The contract is still to be completed and so far has utilised approximately 20,500 packing crates, supplied by Northern Crates, 300 rolls of bubble wrap, 50,000 low adhesive labels and 5,000 security tabs, all supplied by P. Fahey & Sons Ltd.

Simon Fahey, Director said, "Earlier this year all our staff attended a 'Team Leader in Commercial Moving' course, held on our



Top: Moving out of the old hospital buildings
Bottom: Moving into the new 'state of the art' buildings

premises, carried out by David Hookins of BAR Training Services. Although my staff have years of experience, we felt it refreshed the demands and attitude required when carrying out commercial moves, this has paid dividends when completing moves of this stature."

Simon continued, "I have been very proud to be involved in such a prestigious move, it has been a great challenge to which my team have risen to and passed with flying colours, completing every task asked of them, to carry out the relocation of the biggest children's hospital in the UK and one of the largest eye teaching hospitals and women's hospitals in

Europe has been a privilege."

The Head of Capital Procurement for The Central Manchester Foundation Trust said, "I would like to add my thanks to this as I feel the conduct and service offered from Fahey's has been exemplary throughout the move."

The Directors of P. Fahey & Sons were so impressed with the new hospital facility that they made a donation of £1000 to the Harvey Slack Appeal, in aid of a young boy who lost both his arms and legs through meningitis. The young boy was transferred from the old hospital to the new hospital and has since been allowed to return home.

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