

Spire Manchester Hospital Case Study

Client// Spire

Joiners// Mersey Joinery

Location// Manchester

Products installed// BGB magnetic tilt only blinds

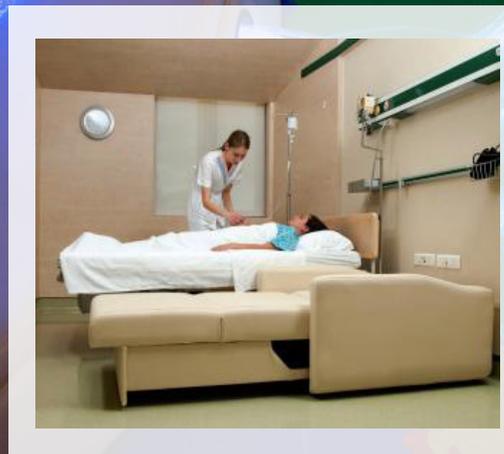
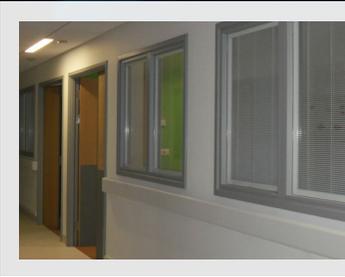
The new Spire healthcare development on the edge of Didsbury, next to the Siemens building on Princess Parkway, has replaced the Spire centre in nearby Whalley Range and is part of bigger plans to make Manchester a global capital for healthcare.

The £65m state-of-the-art facility will offer patients a wide range of surgical, medical and diagnostic services. Designed with extensive input from consultants, staff and patients, this facility comprises six operating theatres, 76 patient beds (inpatient and day-case) and 23 outpatient consulting and treatment rooms.

It will offer complex surgery and medicine through a large and fully functioning Intensive Therapy Critical Care Unit, including five Level 3 Critical Care beds, together with diagnostic and imaging equipment from Siemens. Other new services include hydrotherapy, a hybrid theatre and a 120-seat education centre. Spire describe it as a 'flagship' development for the firm.

BetweenGlassBlinds

BetweenGlassBlinds Integral Blind Systems can be used in a variety of applications where privacy and observation controls are needed. BetweenGlassBlinds is designed to replace a standard integral blind with a modern and maintenance-free privacy window.



BetweenGlassBlinds are noted for their innovative, versatile and maintenance-free integrated blinds which are ideal for healthcare environments as they meet the requirements for clinical infection control. Hygienically excellent, they create a user-friendly and aesthetically pleasing environment, all within a safe, ligature-free surrounding using a discreet double-glazed integral blind system suitable for installation both internally and externally.

BetweenGlassBlinds are an alternative when other types of blind and curtains are not practical or achievable. Service users can control the operation of the blinds with ease with the ability to raise, lower and tilt the blinds in one slick and easy motion with its functional design. This gives the end user full control when privacy is needed or to reduce glare and sunlight keeping a room at a more moderate temperature.

A conventional blind system was deemed unsuitable for the project due to a number of reasons:

- They gathered dust and dirt and regularly needed cleaning
- They get damaged easily and would therefore need replacing regularly
- They can be a fire or safety hazard
- Conventional blinds do not meet the requirements for clinical infection control

The blinds also allow the end users full control of privacy, which in the new state-of-the-art-facility, was a priority.

There were a total of 46 tilt only units supplied internally on the Spire Manchester Hospital project. The BetweenGlassBlinds Tilt only panel offers a standard integral blind system with the ability to tilt the slats from open to close. The blinds are controlled by two discreetly hidden powerful magnets located around the unit perimeter. The magnets control the operation of the blinds with ease and are fitted with a restrictor to prevent the magnets from coming detached from the panel.

