

Press release

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**1,300 m of HCP Radiant Heating Panels supplied to UHNS
Maternity and Oncology Centres**

HCP, a division of SAS International, recently supplied 1,300 linear metres of radiant heating panels to the new state-of-the-art Maternity Centre and purpose built Cancer Centre at the University Hospital of North Staffordshire (UHNS).

Michael T Malone, associate at HKS architects commented "The decision to use ceiling-mounted radiant heating panels was made very early in the design process. The product allowed us to layout the clinical spaces efficiently and ergonomically without the restraints of including a traditional radiator. The clean lines not only reduced the risk of harbouring infectious diseases but they inconspicuously blended in visually with the ceiling grid."

"The flexibility of the product allowed us to incorporate the Radiant Heating Panels into the ceiling design and improved our ability to coordinate the services with the aesthetics of the building, enhancing the environment for patients, staff and visitors."

Radiant heating panels are increasingly being specified in the healthcare sector. The use of flat ceiling-mounted radiant heating panels makes hospital wards easier to clean, reducing the risk of cross-infection associated with traditional wall mounted units. Additionally, wall and floor space is freed up leading to increased space flexibility.

HCP radiant heating solutions were also supplied to other areas of the hospital, including the Diagnosis and Treatment Centre (DTC), the Central Sterile Services Department (CSSD) and the linen store.

The opening of the Maternity and Cancer Centres sees the original Victorian facilities transformed with the state-of-the-art facilities and modern surroundings.

Responsible for the design and build of the project was the main contractor, Laing O'Rourke and the architects were HKS Architects.



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HCP has over 30 years of product and installation experience. HCP specialises in convective and radiant heating solutions and is the largest manufacturer and installer of trench, perimeter and radiant heating systems in the UK.

HCP is a UK owned and based organisation with manufacturing plants across the country. Its central goal is to deliver an unprecedented combination of value, product quality and application expertise.

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