

PROJECT | DETAILED SPACE UTILISATION STUDY

OUR ROLE | SURVEYORS, ADVISORY AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT

LOCATIONS | ALL BUILDINGS AT GUY'S AND ST THOMAS' HOSPITAL INCLUSIVE OF 88 DEPARTMENTS

The Trust required Space Utilisation to be undertaken in a more detailed way. This was to assess how well available space was being used in non-clinical areas, to satisfy the demands of present functions and also planned requirements.

Observations were made by visiting **every room twice** (morning and afternoon) to assess occupancy. In addition, questionnaires were distributed to canvass the views of occupants, confirm current occupation of space and local impressions of utilisation patterns.

Space utilisation data was input to the Trust's MICAD IPR using a system custom-made for the Trust. Data included assessment of constraints to improved space utilisation. This system of data storage allowed data outputs at departmental or block level, and easy searches to find, for example, all empty spaces in a certain department, Trust-wide.

The study revealed specific areas of unused, underutilised and overcrowded space. Outputs identified were options for strategic implementation, as well as interdepartmental space planning and management based on robust space use data.

Options included:

- Consolidation and rationalisation of certain areas,
- Improved meeting room use,
- Increased adoption of hot-desking and
- Strategies for multifunctional use.

