

Project Report



Public Health England

Public Health England is an executive agency of the Department of Health and Social Care, and a distinct organisation with operational autonomy. They provide government, local government, the NHS, Parliament, industry and the public with evidence-based professional, scientific expertise and support.

"It was clear that a successful conference and events business would be beneficial to the university, both financially and reputationally."

The agency employs 5,500 staff (full-time equivalent), mostly scientists, researchers and public health professionals.

They have eight local centres, plus an integrated region and centre for London, and four regions (north of England, south of England, Midlands and east of England, and London).

Public Health England was established on 1 April 2013 to bring together public health specialists from more than 70 organisations into a single public health service.

Background

Public Health England needed to know their Planned Preventative Maintenance Plan was robust to ensure their facilities worked at an optimum level to enable them to protect and improve the nation's health, especially during the COVID pandemic. The only way to achieve this was to have a quality up-to-date asset register.

Brief

LitmusFM was appointed in 2021 with the key objectives of providing upto-date asset registers for their major sites in Leeds, Glasgow, Chilton and Colindale. This covered over 723,000 square feet, with over 8,500 assets.

Approach

John Brownless, LitmusFM, said: "This was a complex project in a critical environment that was carried out during a lockdown period in the COVID pandemic. We had to ensure the sites could operate as usual without disruption from our surveyors in the interest of public health. Our initial approach was to carry out a desktop evaluation of all of the current available data to assess, at a high level, the locations of the key plant and assets.

"As part of our survey, we inspected and recorded all assets, verifying any O&M BIM data, and recorded any additional or missing assets across the premises."



Outcomes

Public Health England were provided with all the asset data on a comprehensive template to ensure capture of all the relevant data and the detailed fields then transferred into the CAFM system on completion.

The template recorded the relevant building, block, floor, room description and room number, followed by the classification of the asset (against the RICS: BCIS Categories – Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors – Building Cost Information Service), type of asset and an additional description.

▶▶Our experienced surveying team used their essential technical and asset knowledge to provide Public Health England with critical asset data. This enabled the engineering teams to produce a robust PPM schedule, which has ensured these important environments operate to an optimum level. It also provides Public Health England with a capital plan for future years. ◀◀

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