

Toprail wall furnishings selected for new Operating Theatres at Alder Hey Children's Hospital, Liverpool.



Toprail Systems Ltd (Shepperton, Middx) has supplied its popular Toprail wall furnishing system for use in new operating theatres at the Alder Hey Children's Hospital, Liverpool. The supporting rail itself was installed into several buildings, which were built off-site and supplied by PKL Healthcare (Bishop Cleeve, Cheltenham), a leading specialist in off-site construction for the healthcare sector.

Once the pre-manufactured buildings had arrived on site, hospital staff were quickly able to install the various elements of the Toprail system – cupboards, shelves, worktops and storage bins.

Toprail is a unique horizontal rail that can be secured to almost any type of wall with normal hand tools and once installed can support a wide range of wall furnishing items including shelves, whiteboards, worktops, cupboards, storage systems, display materials and even sinks. The concept was designed specifically for use within the health service and is the only wall furnishing system meeting the requirements of health technical memoranda HTM 62 and HTM 63.

Mr Roger Weaver, Clinical Equipment Manager at AHCH commented "We first saw the Toprail system at a trade exhibition and thought it looked clean, modern and appealing to the eye. We also like its versatility, wide choice of system components and the ease with which it can be installed and adapted".

The rail itself is fabricated from anodised aluminium extrusion and supplied in standard 2.4m pre-drilled lengths. A snap on cover provides full protection while concealing the fixing screws. Since the only installation requirement is that the rail should be fixed horizontally at a given height, detailed drawings are unnecessary and no specialist labour is required, thereby keeping installation costs to a minimum. The system also offers excellent load-bearing characteristics, even on standard 12.5mm gypsum plasterboard.