

Project

RDaSH – Adult Mental Health Inpatient Facilities

Product Used

Door Top Alarm

Client

Rotherham Doncaster and South Humber NHS Foundation Trust

Market Sector

Mental Health

What the client says

Trust Patient Safety Lead RDaSH for the Trust, Michael Ibemesi said:

“The door top alarm from Intastop prevents the possibility of suicide from door tops but does not compromise the integrity of the door in terms of fire safety, privacy and functionality. It has proved most helpful to our Mental Health Inpatient service and also to our staff in managing a patient’s risk of suicide and is a superb tool in supporting our patient safety policies.

The discreet nature of the alarm allows us to fulfil our patient safety obligations and removes issues we experienced previously in dealing with this where privacy and other health and safety concerns were often apparent.

Not only is the device highly effective, its simplicity in terms of design and use is to be commended in supporting this very real issue faced by mental health establishments. And, as it is suitable for both new build and retro-fit projects, it proves financially viable for Estate Managers.

I have already recommended the product to other NHS Trusts for its effectiveness and believe that it should be an integral part of any building where such occurrences may be a possibility.”



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The Project Brief

Rotherham Doncaster and South Humber NHS Foundation Trust (RDaSH) operates services in 200 locations across Rotherham, Doncaster and North Lincolnshire. It provides a range of inpatient and community mental health, learning disability and addiction services for adult, young people and children.

The Trust required a solution to help prevent the possibility of suicide from door tops while not compromising the integrity of the door in terms of fire safety, privacy and functionality.



The Solution

The anti-ligature, Door Top Alarm supports the national strategy to prevent suicide in England and was developed by Intastop Ltd as a result of growing concerns expressed at the Design in Mental Health Conference 2013 in how best to manage the issue.

Rotherham, Doncaster and South Humber NHS Foundation Trust (RDaSH) has installed the Door Top Alarm by Intastop on all its Adult Mental Health Inpatient facilities in Tickhill Road site in Doncaster, Swallownest Court in Rotherham and at Great Oaks in North Lincolnshire to further develop and consolidate its patient safety strategy.

The discreetly designed, tamper proof system works by a sensory pad being installed at the top of any standard door and, should pressure be applied, it will alert carers and staff via their chosen method – i.e. audible alarm, staff indicator panel, pager, computer or visible light. The device connects via the mains power system and is also compatible with most staff attack alarms.

A door top alarm system, pivotal to the personal safety strategies in mental healthcare establishments, has been commended by a hospital trust for its simplicity and effectiveness.

The Benefits

- Helps reduce patient suicide and self-harm
- Allows patients privacy
- Tamper proof preventing false alarm
- Enables staff to respond immediately to attempted suicides and emergency situations



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