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### Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital

**Project:**

**Design, supply, install and maintain**

**Client:**

**Basingstoke and North Hampshire NHS  
Foundation Trust**

**Value:**

**£300,000**

**Overview:**

Violence against medical staff remains a growing issue for the NHS and its employees – nearly 170,000 violent incidents occur every year in England's NHS hospitals. The busy Basingstoke and North Hampshire NHS Foundation Trust (BNHFT) provides care for over 300,000 patients, and focuses its crime-reduction measures on the Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital, where security is considered a key component of successful hospital management.

CCTV works as both a deterrent and an evidence-gathering tool for subsequent court cases. It is especially important in hospital situations as a way of protecting vulnerable people. BNHFT decided to upgrade its CCTV systems and so appointed CDS to recommend and implement the ideal solution.

**Project description:**

CDS developed an understanding of the hospital's requirements and challenges. It introduced an access control system with intercom facility to specific high-security areas such as the maternity unit. These were then linked to an IP-based CCTV monitor system with digital recording, which formed part of a 100+ camera network sited at strategic positions across the hospital and in those areas where violence was considered to be a threat.

Each camera is linked to multiple control locations, including a main control room and relevant nurses' stations. Access control and surveillance systems sit on the same IP network as the CCTV, which is designed to ensure continuous operation and minimal interference with medically critical equipment on other networks.

The project involved the significant upgrade of the pre-existing, smaller system at the hospital. To maximise the cost-effectiveness of the system and provide a high level of future-proofing, the new equipment is easily upgradable, ensuring the hospital is able to expand and enhance the system far more easily and cost-effectively than it would have previously.