

Enhancing Study Environments: Introducing the Library's New Study Pods and Booths

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Plan:

Objective: To enhance the library's learning environment with flexible, high-quality facilities tailored to the diverse educational and training needs of staff and students.

Strategy: Offer serene, private study and collaborative spaces, including sound-insulated study pods suitable for individual discussions and virtual meetings.

Wellbeing: Prioritize the health and comfort of users by providing facilities that support and elevate the learning experience.

Do:

Assessment: Evaluated the current library spaces to identify the need for pod/booth facilities.

Market Research: Investigated suppliers offering the required products.

Collaboration: Partnered with education leads, estates, health and safety, Skanska, and Project Co. to revamp the library, incorporating flexible learning areas.

Design Consultation: Engaged with designers and architects to scope and create dedicated device-friendly areas for meetings and training.

Study:

Innovation: Recognized that study pods offer a modern, welcoming look and a dual-purpose solution.

Design Evaluation: Invited three design firms to propose concepts, specifications, and plans for the library spaces.

Site Visits: Companies conducted on-site assessments of pod prototypes to determine their fit.

Cost Analysis: A comparative financial review was performed of the proposals received.

Selection: Dalen Ltd chosen for their personalized approach and hands-on product demonstrations.

Act:

Implementation: Library pods installed in March 2023.

Space Organization: Reconfigured the library to establish group study zones.

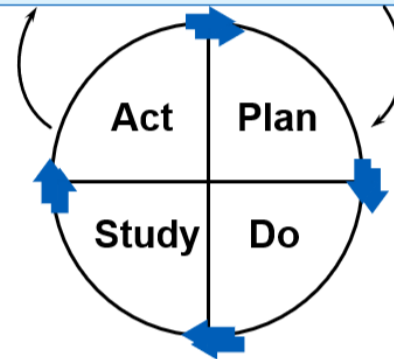
Booking System: Implemented BookWise Solutions for pod reservations, allowing users to choose based on their preferences.

Evaluation: Plan to gather user feedback experience in Summer 2024 to assess impact and effectiveness.

What are we trying to accomplish?

How will we know that our change is an improvement?

What changes can we make that will result in the improvement we seek?



A Commitment to Educational Excellence.

Jacqui Watkeys, Head of Library, Knowledge and Education Centre Services

"These facilities reflect Library and Knowledge Services ongoing commitment to enhancing the library experience and supporting the continuous learning of our Trust's staff and students."

Ned Hobbs, Chief Operating Officer and Deputy Chief Executive

"The Trust deeply values the academic progression of our healthcare staff. These new study pods and booths are a testament to our dedication to providing an optimal learning environment, especially for those colleagues who may be neurodivergent or have other needs who thrive in tranquil and private settings."

