



Like many other NHS Trusts that we work with, Jackson are immensely proud of the long-standing and positive relationship we have with the East Lancashire NHS Trust. One of the two large teaching hospitals the Trust manages is the Royal Blackburn Hospital. This is a hospital where Jackson have, for some time, been maintaining the multiple lifts that serve the wards, theatres and specialist departments.

The Royal Blackburn Hospital is the largest of the nine hospitals and clinics operated by East Lancashire NHS Trust. The Hospital has 709 beds and state-of-the-art new inpatient facilities, centralised outpatient's department, new operating theatres and an Accident and Emergency Department.

Additional to the maintenance services that Jackson provide the Hospital with, we have recently undertaken various lift modernisations at the Royal Blackburn and a new installation project. The most recent lift modernisations related to a triplex group of passenger lifts, serving all three floors and each requiring a full modernisation.



This included the dismantling and removal of the old equipment and the installation of new drives, lift controllers, shaft wiring, new lift car and doors, full car relines, car operating panels and landing signalisation. Jackson also undertook a new installation of a duplex pair of bed lifts, again serving the Hospital's three floors.

Jackson maintenance and modernisation engineers worked at the Royal Blackburn throughout the pandemic period, constantly under strict COVID social distancing requirements. Due to the importance of our work to achieve this and to support the Hospital, Jackson engineers were given essential worker status to ensure we were always able to respond to call-outs 24 hours a day.

As with all NHS Trust projects, Jackson were required to tender for the modernisation work and also for the annual lift maintenance contract. NHS tender requests consider lift breakdowns, response

to call times and competitive pricing. Jackson local engineers, operating from our Manchester office, have been maintaining the lifts at the Royal Blackburn for some time and their knowledge of the Hospital and standard of work has consistently assisted us when tendering.

