

# HMP Berwyn

Traka locks up keys at HMP Berwyn

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The NHS run health department inside ‘super jail’ HMP Berwyn, is using a bespoke intelligent key management system, designed by Traka, to ensure only authorised personnel can access keys to medicines and sensitive medical equipment.

Recently opened £212m HMP Berwyn in Wrexham is the largest new-build prison in England and Wales and the second largest in Europe, acting as a smoke-free closed rehabilitation establishment, which holds up to 2,106 adult men.

With Traka already operating the main key management system for the prison rooms, the NHS-run pharmacy department took the decision to install a key cabinet, initially to manage 90 keys, with room for medical and sharp ‘restricted tools,’ that must be carefully managed within the prison environment.

The NHS key cabinet operates biometrically, with only a small team authorised with administrator permissions, operating for the benefit of a larger department with access rights. Alongside key management, the system offers direct and full audit control capability and instant reports, including notifications when keys or tools are not returned.

Traka’s key management cabinets in custodial services are designed to offer greatest operational efficiency for staff, to ensure keys and equipment are not only secure and accessible by authorised personnel, but also reduce administration by automating processes so that staff can focus on their daily responsibilities to those serving a prison sentence.

Says Tom Smith, Market Development Manager at Traka UK: “HMP Berwyn stands as the first publicly-run super-prison, where every aspect of its design and function, and the values it upholds, centres around the principles of rehabilitation. Key to its success are processes being easy to operate by authorised personnel, without compromising on security.”

“This is especially true of the key and equipment management system, which Traka facilitates using latest technology. When the NHS team on site contacted us for a similar system, to house sensitive medicines and equipment, including ‘restricted, often sharp tools,’ it was installed quickly with a bespoke design to accommodate the requirements and aid the efficient running of the department.”

For more information on Traka’s specialist key management and equipment management solutions for custodial services, please visit

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