



TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE
OUR ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENT



BMI Healthcare is the UK's largest independent provider of private healthcare, seeing more than one million patients a year and undertaking a vast variety of major procedures. The organisation's reputation is based on providing local communities with consistent, high quality patient care. This includes being equipped with the latest technology, employing specialist consultants and ensuring constant vigilance to sustain the highest standards of infection control.

As part of this best-practice approach, BMI Healthcare considered three key factors when selecting Premier as its water cooler provider - hygiene, reducing its carbon footprint and cost efficiency. The group requires 500 dispensers, each operating 24 hours a day, across 70 hospitals.

Hygiene

Premier's facilities, unlike the majority in the market, filter the water at the dispense head so it does not sit inside the machine unchlorinated. BMI Healthcare's Category Manager of Property, Energy and Facilities Nick Coleman did not originally realise the implications of this in terms of cutting the risk of bacterial infection.

Says Coleman: "I was amazed to see the varying standards of technology used by water cooler providers. Premier's superior filters reduce chlorine and separate out any sediment to protect against bacteria and other contamination. The facilities are also thoroughly cleaned and sanitised periodically to ensure they are hygienic and the water always safe to drink. This is paramount to our hospitals and our ambitions to minimise any risk of infection."

Carbon Footprint and Cost Efficiency

Before selecting Premier, BMI Healthcare used a number of bottled water coolers. Coleman quickly recognised that the vehicles involved in continuous bottle deliveries and returns created tonnes of CO2 emissions a year, and the dispensers required more maintenance visits compared to plumbed-in systems.

"BMI Healthcare takes its impact on the environment extremely seriously and was fast to roll-out mains-fed systems nationwide once we realised the vast amounts of energy being used in manufacturing, supplying and service bottled water coolers - not to mention the relatively low recycling rates for the average 18 litre container."

BMI Healthcare went one step further to by selecting Premier's Eco Pure water dispensers. Thanks to sophisticated cooling technology, each water cooler uses a third less energy compared to standard systems. There is also no danger of the drip tray over-filling and causing accidents as the natural heat generated from the dispenser's compressor evaporates any drips.

Phil Langley, managing director of Premier Watercoolers, comments: "There has been a noticeable shift from green-minded organisations such as BMI Healthcare towards replacing bottled water coolers with mains-fed systems. However, even plumbed-in water dispensers have varying performances so it is equally essential to consider the energy efficiency of the equipment and technology used. These smart choices enable organisations to save money and maintain high sustainability standards."

To take advantage of Premier's free carbon emission assessment, please visit www.watercoolers.co.uk/htm/watercoolers_environment.htm or contact 08000 141800.

