Design for the future

With most UK practices housed in converted domestic buildings, this can pose a challenge when designing your ideal space. Chris Davies offers some tips

These days, there is an enormous amount of pressure placed on dental teams to satisfy stringent infection-control protocols. Often, the team has to face several obstacles to do this, one of them being the practice itself.

It is no secret that most UK practices are converted domestic buildings. The downside of this is that the spatial aspects of the building have not been designed with the unique needs of the dental industry in mind. This can cause serious issues when transporting instruments from the treatment site to the disinfection and sterilisation area.

Meeting protocols

Of course, an experienced dentist can take a look around a building and make an educated guess as to how easy, or how difficult, it will be to meet all necessary protocols. So when you are having your dream practice designed and built from the ground up, choose a company that lets you take a virtual tour through your very own practice of tomorrow.

If you are frustrated with the layout and design of your current practice, imagine how you would feel if, having invested a lot of money in a bespoke practice design and construction project, you found yourself feeling just as frustrated, dreaming about what might have been?

Vision for the future

The leading company will also go one better. By presenting you with samples of material and textures too, you will not just get a complete idea of the look of your new practice, you will also get the ‘feel’ of it. This gives you the perfect opportunity to change anything that you do not like.