Practical cabinetry

David Rhodes offers a tale of refurbishment, showing that it doesn’t need to be a stressful procedure

I finally decided the time had come for a much needed, no holds barred ‘makeover’ of my associate’s surgery, to bring its ergonomics and decor up to the standards of the rest of the practice.

This was going to involve a complete refurbishment of his surgery, and would mean stripping the walls back to the brick, rewiring, replumbing and then completely replastering the whole room.

I am not fond of exposed pipes and cables, and a priority for me was to combine a new layout with adequate cabinetry placement to enable the maximum concealment of the utility delivery systems.

I was already familiar with the elegant Tavom cabinetry range, supplied in the North West by RPA Dental Equipment Ltd, and a recent visit to international dental implant facilities in Dubai, created for the MSc programme run by Stewart Harding and Warwick University, gave me the opportunity to inspect Tavom cabinetry at first hand.

Fine design

I was impressed not only with the design, with its emphasis on clean lines and modernity, but also the build quality. It was no surprise to discover that Tavom cabinetry is designed and built in Italy, the natural home of fine design. The huge range of cabinet options is mixed, matched and assembled in the UK at RPA’s Wigan showroom and design studio.

With almost limitless choices and bespoke colours, all with stunning eye appeal, the ideal solution is achievable for any surgery. RPA’s Ian Smith, with advice and using examples in the show room, helped us to create exactly the ambience and aesthetic we were seeking. The whole process was enjoyable and straightforward.

The building team, lead by Simon Ferraris, hired with an independent dental engineer and had only one working week to get the surgery, dry line it, complete the rewiring, lay the ceramic floor and prepare the plumbing before the cabinets were delivered prior to redecorating.

Simon met his deadlines and the Tavom cabinets and black glass worktops were fitted within a day. Only after fitting, to ensure absolute accuracy, were the measurements taken for a Corian worktop. One week later the Corian top was fitted and the dental equipment reinstalled. After only two weeks, our new surgery was complete, looked fabulous and was ready for action.

Ian’s attention to detail and pre-installation planning, complementing the excellent and efficient work of Simon and his team, had made the entire operation very much less stressful than it might have been. I have no hesitation in recommending RPA and Tavom, who were a pleasure to work with and whose quality of service and superior products made a huge contribution to the project’s success.

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