

## High Speed Project Puts CCTV Into Leeds Leisure Centres



*Leisure centres operated by Leeds City Council have been fitted with comprehensive CCTV systems under a fast-tracked scheme designed to boost safety and security.*

Installer 2020 Vision has now completed its 20th system in leisure centres across the city and has also recently been awarded a maintenance contract to ensure the equipment continues to provide top quality results. According to Mark Allman, Head of Sport and Active Recreation for Leeds City Council, everything has gone very well. "Leeds City Council operates a wide variety of leisure centres and we continue to try and improve the service we offer to our customers all of the time. On-site security is a really important issue and we have been very encouraged with customers' comments so far."

The contract required the first 17 centres to be fitted out within just eight weeks and so 2020 Vision had to adopt an efficient way of working. "We had three teams," says Neil Titterington. Teams doing the first and second fix cabling were closely followed by commissioning engineers, who also trained the clients.

The chosen equipment included Panasonic 9-channel hard disk recorders (WJ-HD309) with 250Gb hard discs, Panasonic 15" monitors (LCD15), Panasonic static dome cameras (WV-CF224) and Panasonic colour/monochrome fully functional domes (WV-CW860).

2020 Vision had to plan its work with care, including picking the right supplier. "The quantities were large and we needed to be confident that we could get them from one supplier," says Titterington. "The initial order involved 17 digital recorders, 17 monitors and about 100 cameras. "Smaller suppliers wouldn't have been able to provide it all in time, but we knew that Norbain could provide us with



the quantities that we required,” says Neil Titterington. “We are always happy with the service we get from them,” he adds.

All sites have car parking and indoor facilities while some also have outdoor pitches and the project has involved installation of a mix of external and internal cameras. Internal CCTV is helpful in ensuring the safety of customers, says Kim Newman, as it can alert staff to any incidents or potential problems as well as showing what happened if anything does occur.



2020 Vision has tailored each system to suit individual circumstances and provided advice on aspects such as where to use vandal resistant cameras and how to site cameras to avoid looking into the sun.

Monitoring takes place from each centre's reception desk during opening hours. Cameras continue to record out of hours so that any incidents could be investigated. The system keeps watch over most of

the public areas such as car parks, corridors and lobbies as well as any areas of particular vulnerability. These include those containing expensive equipment. “We also ensured that we covered the entrance foyers, so that there are images of everybody coming in and going out,” says 2020 Vision Sales Manager Neil Titterington.

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### **About 2020 Vision**

2020 Vision specialises in CCTV, access control as well as the integration of security systems to provide simplified central control. It operates in the north of England and southern Scotland. It has installed CCTV systems in an extensive range of environments such as universities, hospitals, casinos, sports stadia and government offices.

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