

VINCI Facilities - Building Solutions South

STEP UP Award Nomination for PRB Estates Limited

Established in 1999, PRB Estates has fast become one of the top Priority 1 contractors with VINCI Facilities Building Solutions South. Located in Bromley and covering the M25 region PRB is a multi-disciplined contractor delivering M&E, gas, and building and maintenance.

Managing Director Stuart Thomas employs some 30 trade's personnel. He personally acquired his NEBOSH qualification 10 years ago. Today he champions his teams to ensure they maintain PRB's exemplary Health and Safety record. At present his management team is trained to SSSTS and SMSTS levels, with an on-going roll out programme in place.

PRB Estates started working with VINCI in 2005 and have NEVER had a RIDDOR. Their exemplary record is extraordinary considering that most of their work is carried out in occupied premises with the majority in occupied dwellings in a domestic situation.

Working around the public and/or in a person's home throws up a unique set of challenges, indeed it requires extra vigilance towards health and safety and increases the need for awareness and foresight. Stuart and his team protect persons with a lesser knowledge of risk assessing and no formal training for protecting themselves- this is an average day for the team in addition to their trade works excellence and statutory H & S compliance. Some of the people around whom they work may even be minors, physically and/or mentally challenged, there may be language barriers or even loved family pets as these residents live their lives alongside the teams as they work. PRB have supported Housing contracts in this way such as: LB Hackney, Peabody Housing Trust, Wandle Housing, Merton Priory Homes, LB Lewisham and LB Camden.

In addition to the Housing Sector PRB also operates in the Secure Sector and most recently completed works for the Ministry of Justice contributing to the best ever scoring customer satisfaction survey for VF BSS. Works were carried out at Eastbourne, Brighton, Hastings, Croydon and Bromley where they refurbished the offices, cells and reception areas, heating; defendants' toilets with stainless steel security products and managed lighting systems amongst. They were escorted in and scanned on site for access to cell blocks via the prisoner access routes, and then locked into place in segregated areas with buzzer access in and out. They had to wait to allow the prisoners in and out as they had priority. Materials were also delivered in this way further increasing the possibility of near misses and accidents. All this contributed to increased Health and Safety on site, without incident and continuing their exemplary record.

PRB Estates also works to strict customer care policies and codes of conduct for occupied premises/dwellings and receives many plaudit letters for their works.

PRB Managers Luke Wilborne, Housing and Paul Chapman, MOJ are considered members of their local VINCI teams and you would never know they were contractors, they support everything we do and wear branded PPE and maintain all local protocols.

One of the top 3 works orders contractors on the VF BSS register PRB raise the bar for contractors in terms of Health and Safety and are considered a true extension of VINCI and our core values and corporate compliance.

In addition to health, safety and environmental excellence; Stuart and his team have also contributed to VINCI's achievements in the Considerate Constructors Scheme, 2 x Tenant Participation and Advisory Service accreditations and regular H&S audits by VINCI. They have assisted in VINCI's social responsibilities too and given back to the communities in which they work. Their contributions include the refurbishing of a Junior School Garden following Japanese Knotweed and supporting charitable auctions, Macmillan Coffee Mornings and staff events.



Having NEVER had a RIDDOR, PRB is worthy of receiving more works from VINCI and a STEP Up award for their conscientiousness and compliance. They prove you do not have to compromise on customer care or service deliver in order to maintain Health and Safety compliance.

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