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# SLS Delivers Flexible Lab Equipment Solutions at PHTA

The Precision Health Technologies Accelerator (PHTA) is the University of Birmingham's flagship life sciences innovation facility located at No.1 Birmingham Health Innovation Campus (BHIC), a world-leading hub for health and life sciences research and commercialisation.



# ABOUT PHTA

PHTA offers over 70,000 sq ft of bespoke Category 2 wet and dry laboratory space, flexible office and workspaces, and specialist innovation facilities such as a Makerspace prototyping suite and training areas, designed to support researchers, SMEs, start-ups, and scale-ups at every stage of growth.

Situated in the heart of a thriving health innovation district adjacent to the University, NHS partners, and clinical trials infrastructure, PHTA's flexible lab and office spaces are available to rent and integrate occupiers into a collaborative ecosystem of clinicians, academics, and industry innovators.



# SITUATION

PHTA occupies three floors of the first building at Birmingham Health Innovation campus, and needed to equip its newly-built laboratory spaces. The challenge was twofold: sourcing a large order of laboratory equipment and ensuring the delivery date could adapt to the building completion schedule, which was significantly delayed.

With opening dates pushed back multiple times, deliveries could not be accepted immediately, making flexible storage solutions, careful planning, and adaptability essential to deliver fully operational Category 2 wet and dry labs on time.

# SOLUTION

As a framework-approved supplier, SLS worked closely with the University of Birmingham procurement team to provide a comprehensive laboratory solution for PHTA. SLS representatives coordinated the supply of 6 Astell autoclaves, 6 Miele glass washers, and 16 Liebherr fridges and freezers, negotiated warranty terms to meet customer needs, and arranged storage of units until the lab space was ready (both at supplier site and at the SLS's national distribution centre in Nottingham).







SLS also managed equipment installation and ensured excellent communication with both the customer and the suppliers.

“Thank you for all the support you and your colleagues from SLS have given over the last few years, not just for providing quotes but for helping us overcome some of the challenges we faced. When our new building was still under construction and deliveries were delayed, SLS provided flexible storage solutions and coordinated with suppliers to ensure equipment arrived safely and on time. Their support gave us complete peace of mind and helped us get our labs fully operational.”

Andrew Ellis, Transition Manager, PHTA.

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MEET THE PRODUCTS

Astell Floorstanding Front Loading Swing Door Autoclave 120L



Liebherr MediLine lab refrigerator with Comfort electronic controller



Miele Laboratory Dishwasher



Liebherr MediLine lab freezer with Comfort electronic controller





# COLLABORATORS



The Precision Health Technologies Accelerator (PHTA) is the University of Birmingham’s flagship life sciences innovation facility, based at No.1 Birmingham Health Innovation Campus. Home to the Clinical Immunology Services and Product Development Makerspace, PHTA provides state-of-the-art incubation and collaboration space to ambitious SMEs, start-ups and scale-ups.



Miele has been setting standards in hygiene and cleaning for over 125 years. Combining proven expertise with the latest technology, the company provides laboratory washers designed to meet a wide range of needs, from compact undercounter units to spacious SlimLine models.



Scientific Laboratory Supplies (SLS) first began trading in 1991 and has grown to become the UK’s largest independent supplier of laboratory equipment, chemicals, and consumables with a focus on delivering unrivalled customer service levels. Headquartered in Nottingham, the company operates a warehousing, technical storage, and logistics service across the UK and in several international territories.



Liebherr is a global leader in refrigeration and laboratory equipment, combining engineering excellence with decades of experience. Their laboratory refrigerators, freezers, and ultra-low temperature units are designed to deliver precise temperature control, reliability, and energy efficiency for critical research and sample storage. Built to the highest standards, Liebherr products ensure safety, consistency, and long-term performance.



Astell Scientific is a world-renowned manufacturer and supplier of steam sterilisers. With over 130 years of expertise, the company designs and supplies autoclaves, steam generators, and effluent decontamination systems (EDS) built to meet the demanding needs of modern laboratories worldwide.



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