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Derek Bolton joined this Trust in October 2014 as Head of Capital Projects in an interim capacity. In my role as lead Director for Health & Safety I have worked closely with Derek across a number of different schemes.

Derek's wide knowledge of the NHS has been invaluable and his decisive yet helpful approach, coupled with his excellent interpersonal and communication skills has led to the successful completion of a number of projects, often ahead of time and below budget.

Derek has managed to complete these schemes with minimum disruption to essential hospital services and has created a very positive approach across different multi-disciplinary teams and has also achieved beyond the original spec due to his engaging and inclusive style.

His technical skills have been invaluable in finding innovative and user-friendly solutions to some quite challenging issues.

Derek has been an essential part of the success of some quite significant schemes, including the £1.9m upgrade of our Mortuary facilities, with the inclusion of an area for families to quietly reflect which was provided through Derek's efforts, a review of the Trust H&S risk profile across a number of key areas which has seen an improvement in risk management on site and other schemes which he has led.

Derek's professionalism, experience and constructive approach make him an asset for any team.

Yours sincerely,

Julia Clarke
Director of Corporate Governance