



RELOCATION INFORMATION SERVICES

The Business Move Consultancy

wellcome trust

Co-located with the Trust's administrative headquarters in London's Euston road is the **Wellcome Collection**, including the unique and amazing Wellcome Library, a public exhibition venue that opened in 2007 and the Wellcome Collection Conference Centre.

Return to 183 The first time the Wellcome Trust used RIS was in 1992, to plan and manage the move from 5 locations in Regent's Park and the West End back into the newly refurbished Wellcome Building.

The Wellcome Trust was established under the terms of Sir Henry Wellcome's will in 1936. It is the world's largest medical research charity and the UK's largest non-governmental source of funds for biomedical research. It spends over £700 million each year achieving its aims, funding research into human and animal health.



Moves, changes and expansion

During the 90s, the Trust engaged RIS to manage an ongoing programme of moves within existing space, and to new buildings around the Euston area, as science funding expanded and the organisation developed. The initial project had involved a whole new approach to moving IT and stored material. These ongoing moves enabled the move process to be further fine-tuned to better meet client requirements and optimise efficiency.

Features of Wellcome's moves included:

- Furniture reallocation
- Memorabilia & artefacts
- High volume book moves
- Degree level teaching units associated with UCL

New HQ & the Wellcome Collection

In the new century, the Trust demolished two existing buildings next to the old Wellcome Building and built a brand-new state of the art 7 storey office complex, the Gibbs Building, to house its 'back office' functions. The Wellcome Building was then completely refurbished to house all Collection Departments and the Collections themselves. All of the moves associated with this were planned and managed by RIS.



The initial occupation of the Gibbs Building essentially involved office moves from various buildings. A series of temporary moves were then undertaken to clear the Wellcome Building itself – including the temporary move of the Library. Once refurbishment was complete, not only did all Collection Departments need to be moved – but so did the entire Library closed access (ie non-public) Collection, the Special Collection, Iconographics (paintings and prints), Audio-Visual, Photographic, Conservation and the Centre for the History of Medicine at UCL. In addition redundant equipment had to be cleared. Each component was a sub-project with its own unique features. The entire project was a superb example of planning, management and communication – and of augmenting irreplaceable in-house knowledge with objective external expertise. RIS has also undertaken moves subsequently, and established a removals framework agreement, for the Trust.

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