

Case Study

Ecodan heating is just what the doctor ordered

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Renewable Heating Technology



When a South London medical facility needed to replace its heating, the practice was looking for something that would not only deliver the year-round comfort levels that patients and staff require, but also reduce carbon emissions and lower heating bills.



Paxton Green Group Practice is one of the largest practices in South-East London, serving the West Dulwich area.

As well as the normal GP surgery, the six-partner practice has been running a COVID-19 support service throughout the pandemic. In addition, it offers a wellbeing centre, a health review and assessment clinic alongside the full range of GP services.

Dartford-based Opus Air Conditioning was commissioned to replace the old gas boilers and worked carefully with the doctor's surgery which had to remain open during the refurbishment as they were also a vaccination centre for the local community. A key objective for the practice was to reduce both long-term running costs and CO₂ emissions, to ensure that they could future-proof the building.

“When we first started to discuss their heating requirements, they were very open to the idea of renewable heating and were keen to replace the existing gas system,” explained Andy Booth, Project Manager for Opus.

The solution was the installation of three Ecodan CAHV air source heat pumps to deliver 116kW of heat to the building, replacing the two commercial gas boilers. The Ecodan CAHV monobloc system can operate singularly, or form part of a multiple system of up to 688kW capacity.

The low-maintenance CAHV models need water and electrical connections and can operate in a cascade system meaning that it can continually match the heating but only consume the power needed to keep the practice comfortable, whatever the weather.

“They certainly liked the idea of installing a more environmentally-friendly and cost-effective form of heating and these commercial Ecodan heat pumps were the perfect match,” added Andy Booth.



“One of the things that amazed me was how quickly the CAHV units heated the water in the tank,” he added, “we picked up water temperatures of 70 degrees in less than 30 minutes.”

If you would like to know more about the Ecodan CAHV, visit [ecodan.co.uk](https://www.ecodan.co.uk)

For more information on Opus Air Conditioning, visit [opusair.co.uk](https://www.opusair.co.uk)

Heat pumps offer a more sustainable form of heating as every kilowatt of electricity consumed can produce an average of three kilowatts of heating. The Opus team had to remove the existing commercial gas installation and fit the new systems in close association with the practice.

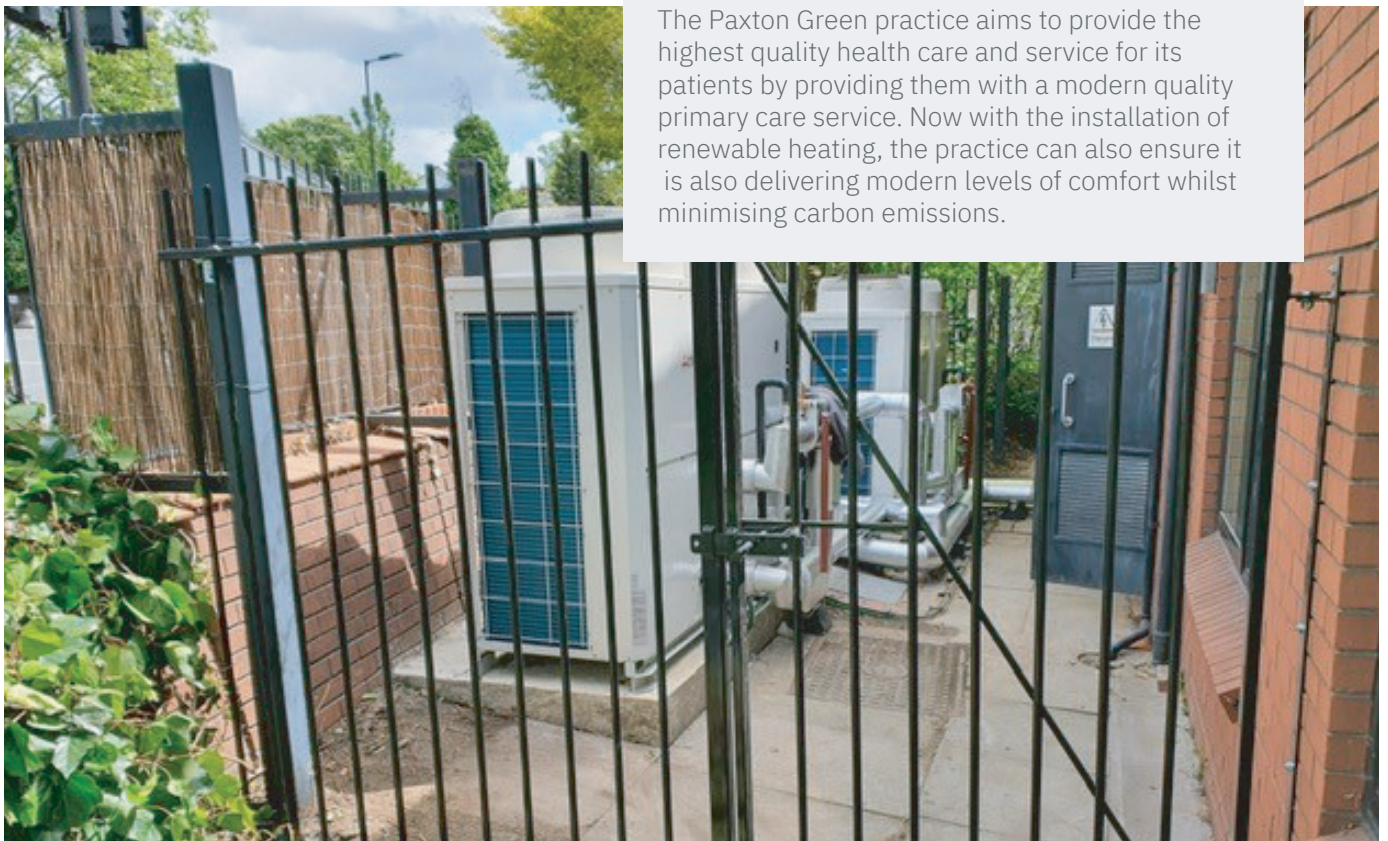
“The team had to be completely flexible so that we could get in around the working hours of the vaccination centre,” added Andy.

“We then had to test and commission the system and ensure the controls all worked exactly as the practice wanted,” he added.

Opus specialises in the design, supply, installation, service and maintenance of boilers and heating systems, along with heat pumps, air conditioning and ventilation systems.

The company is an Accredited Installer Partner for Mitsubishi Electric and this was the first Ecodan CAHV installation that Opus had carried out. Based on the success of this project they will be looking at promoting the use of air source heat pumps on future projects.

The Paxton Green practice aims to provide the highest quality health care and service for its patients by providing them with a modern quality primary care service. Now with the installation of renewable heating, the practice can also ensure it is also delivering modern levels of comfort whilst minimising carbon emissions.



Installation Summary

Outdoor Units:

3 x Ecodan CAHV Air Source Heat Pumps



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