



Vivreau's LinkLine – a success story

The Environment Agency's new purpose built head office in Bristol is home to some of the organisation's key departments. From Flood and Coastal Risk Management through to the National Incident Team, it is the hub for national support functions such as HR, Finance and IT.

When it came to procurement for the Environment Agency's new facility, it should come as no surprise that sustainability was at the top of the agenda.

A café bar in the main atrium area, run by Baxter Storey, caters for the subsistence requirements of staff, whilst an additional nine beverage points around the building provide facilities for hot and cold drinks throughout the day. It is within this area that one of the biggest changes was made in the new building, when the decision was taken to move away from bottled water and boilers, to something more environmentally friendly, as Stuart Kotchie, Program Manager for the Environment Agency, explains:

"When we looked at the catering provision within the new building we worked closely with a specialist consultant who recommended that we take a look at the Vivreau system as a way to reduce both physical waste and to reduce energy consumption. Following a review of the system and a site survey we took the decision to install a LinkLine system, nine V20 taps and one Table Water Bottling System, which is largely used for hospitality."

The Vivreau LinkLine system filters and purifies water before distributing it to various beverage points throughout the building. As Stuart explains, it has significantly improved the offering:

"As the V20 taps offer both boiling and chilled water, staff can use the same equipment for hot and cold drinks and with boiling water always available, there is less waiting around for the kettle to boil or the boiler to reach temperature."

"In a company where the negative effects of water is at the top of everyone's agenda, either through issues on flooding or drought, it is good to see the positive aspects coming to the fore."

Stuart Kotchie, Program Manager for the Environment Agency

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