



WuduMate®

The WuduMate range is the world's leading single appliance for ablution in prayer and multi faith rooms.

Hm Prison Service, Buckley Hall, Rochdale

Buckley Hall is the fourth contracted out prison in the UK, and the first privately managed Cat C establishment holding medium security prisoners.



The prison changed from an all male establishment to a closed female training prison in April 2002, however it was decided to re-role the establishment back to a male category C prison in September 2005. The male prisoners began arriving on December 5th 2005.

As part of the re-role back to a male establishment, it was recognised that statistically there would be higher percentage of muslim prisoners than there had been whilst a female establishment. An increased muslim inmate population would require improved facilities for obligatory ablution before prayer, to avoid inevitable water spillage and the issues this caused, together with misuse and damage of receptacles not designed for this ablution ritual.



As a specialist manufacturer of prayer room and wudu facilities, Nafura Limited were asked for its advice by the prison Chaplain, following recommendation by another HM Prison. It was subsequently decided to take the opportunity during the refurbishment required for role-back, to implement a Nafura within the multi-faith chapel. The Nafura is a unique receptacle specifically designed to accommodate wudu without spillage or waste of water, whilst also avoiding the health and safety issues associated with prisoners having to wash their feet in washbasins or other unsuitable receptacles.

The Nafura has since been discontinued in favour of the WuduSeat, supplied by WuduMate. The facilities department chose an electronic automatic tap unit to accompany the Nafura installation, so that water would be automatically dispensed when required, negating the need for accessories which could be easily damaged.

Chaplain Barry Eaton quotes:

"The Nafura has been successfully operating since installation, and has been well received by inmates. The availability of the Nafura has negated the need to make use of unsuitable receptacles for wudu, enabling quick and effective ablution. The Nafura has proved to be a robust and secure device ideally suited to the environment, with no cavities in which to secrete illegal items or substances. Its high quality appearance is thought to contribute to it's respectful use by inmates, and it is hoped that this will help reduce the incidence of misuse and damage in the future."

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