

Brent Wills leaves Facilities, Maintenance, & Compliance

Brent Wills, Associate Director of Facilities, Maintenance, & Compliance, has left the University of Manchester for a new role, after over two decades of service within Estates & Facilities.

Initially joining the University through our Client Services Unit, Brent eventually became Head of Department, where he would play a pivot role in shaping our estate management strategy. Throughout his time with us, Brent oversaw several major projects; notably, during the Covid-19 pandemic, he led a successful merger of the Maintenance and Client Services teams – creating one of the largest maintenance and professional teams in the sector.

Brent's focus and vision extended beyond operational matters. He championed and led the introduction of CAFM, a computer-aided facilities management system, as well as the creation of a digital twin of the entire estate. These developments have made it easier to manage our estate more efficiently and effectively.

Alongside this, he launched an apprenticeship scheme that includes both trade and degree apprenticeships. Thanks to his efforts, six young people have joined the University this year alone to start their careers in engineering and building surveying.

We thank Brent for his outstanding service and wish him all the best in his future endeavours.

Interim role now being advertised

We are now advertising for an Interim Associate Director of Facilities, Maintenance, and Compliance.