

## **NIGEL BURTON** (CIOB, MAPM, MAPS, MCMI)

### **Profile**

Nigel is a well respected and experienced building surveyor. He has particular expertise in the design and management of disabled adaptations. Nigel's early career (1977-1985) was spent as a District Building Officer with the NHS Estates. Nigel was responsible for the management of capital programmes, overseeing the refurbishment of the NHS Estate and managing the maintenance teams.

Nigel started his own practice in 1985 to provide surveying and project management services. Nigel has built a varied client base, including private individuals, local authorities, companies and work in relation to insurance claims. Nigel's main area of work is centred around the design and project management of disabled adaptations. He has considerable experience in delivering well considered and practical schemes.

### **Experience**

#### **Partner, Idapt LLP, Bristol – 1985 - Present**

Nigel formed the practice in 1985 to provide specialist surveying and project management services in the construction industry. Nigel has developed a specialism in the design of disabled and elderly adaptations that drew on his experience in the NHS. Nigel has been involved with the following high value catastrophic injury schemes for private client and insurers:

- **Eastbourne:** complete property and garden adaptation for wheelchair user (approximate value of work £270,000).
- **Wolverhampton:** complete property and garden adaptation for a double amputee client (approximate value of work £180,000).
- **Essex:** complete property and garden adaptation for two wheelchair users, including the provision of a studio building (approximate value of work £230,000).
- **Somerset:** property adaptations to make a new build Redrow property accessible for a wheelchair dependent client (approximate value of work £150,000).

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- **Kent:** adaptations to make a new build property accessible for a wheelchair dependent client (approximate value of work £150,000).
- **Dorset:** extensive property adaptation to provide a sizeable wheelchair accessible home, including external swimming pool and landscaping (£600,000).

**RSA:** Nigel has been involved in numerous design and build projects for RSA for a number of clients who have suffered disabling injury as a result of an accident. Nigel has successfully project managed various builds, including property adaptations and extensions, and used his extensive design knowledge and experience in order to deliver some outstanding results.

**Irwin Mitchell:** Nigel has been instructed by this large law firm to implement adaptation schemes for clients who have suffered catastrophic injuries and require property adaptations. Nigel has been so successful in delivering results on his project management builds that he has received numerous repeat instructions for similar schemes.

**Bristol City Council:** Appointed in 1990 as a nominated practice to deliver a 12 year inner city renewal programme for Bristol City Council. This involved the refurbishment of 20-30 terraced properties as part of each project with a contract value of up to £1,000,000. When the project came to an end, Nigel had been involved with 14 other schemes for Bristol City Council.

**Bristol City Council:** Designing and project managing disabled adaptations as part of the disabled facility grant programme. Nigel has received many repeat instructions and has advised on accommodation requirements for a wide variety of clients with differing physical needs.

**Thalidomide Trust:** Repeat instructions for the design and project management of adaptations required for clients that are being funded by the Thalidomide Trust.

**Sovereign Housing Association:** Design and project management of disabled adaptations in relation to spinal injury cases.

**Townfield Trust:** Work undertaken on behalf of MIND to assess adaptations to properties in Bath.

**Frenchay Health Authority:** Creating plans and health estate management records for the district.

Nigel has been instrumental in the development of Idapt Planner 3D, which is a specialist online drawing tool for designing disabled adaptations. Nigel uses the 3D visualisations and costing generated in Idapt Planner 3D to support his private practice and includes them in his expert witness accommodation reports. Additionally, Nigel's involvement with Idapt Planner 3D has meant he regularly delivers courses to

occupational therapists and developed close relationships with product suppliers.

**Assistant District Building Officer, Frenchay Hospital (now part of North Bristol NHS Trust), Bristol - 1979-1985**

A management position based at district headquarters with control over five hospital sites, ambulance stations and health centres. This position required the overseeing of the maintenance and redevelopment of the hospital estate and specialist wards.

**Building Officer, Blackpool Victoria Hospital (now Blackpool Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust), Blackpool - 1976-1979**

This position required overseeing the maintenance and development of the hospital estate and specialist wards.

**Education**

- ❑ CIOB: Associate of the Chartered Institute of Building (15 April 1981).
- ❑ APM: Full member of the Association for Project Management (21 August 2008).
- ❑ The Association of Project Safety: Member (CDM Co-ordinator) (28 March 2008).
- ❑ Chartered Management Institute (formerly British Institute of Management): Member (17 December 1987).
- ❑ British Association of Occupational Therapists: Associate Member of Specialist Housing (2010).
- ❑ Royal Society of Health: Associate Member (31 March 1997).
- ❑ Hospital Estate Management and Engineering Centre: Developing Management Effectiveness Senior Management (October 1984) and Asbestos Removal Course (5 April 1984).
- ❑ Bristol Polytechnic: HC in Building Studies (December 1981).
- ❑ Preston Polytechnic: National Higher Certificate in Building (1 September 1979).
- ❑ City and Guilds of London Institute: Construction Technicians' Part Two Certificate (May 1976).
- ❑ Bradford College of Art and Technology: Construction Technicians' Course Part 1 (June 1974).

**Conferences, Visits and Education Events**

- Invited to join a health trade delegation to Boston and New York City, USA as part of a UK Government initiative. This involved meeting with senior practitioners, clinicians and academics in the adaptations and disability fields.
- Invited to speak at the Universal Design Summit 5 held in St. Louis, Missouri. This was an event for leaders in the accessible design field to discuss developments and new ideas. Nigel was asked to provide several presentations and lead workshop sessions.

- Invited to deliver a conference presentation at the University of Salford Manchester in relation to 'Using Computer Aided Design in Home Adaptation Work' at the Salford Occupational Therapy Conference.
- Asked to provide expert guidance in relation to the creation of an Occupational Therapy accredited course in Bosnia and Herzegovina. This involved several visits to the county and collaboration with other professional parties and the LSBU.
- Instrumental in providing expert advice in relation to accessibility as part of the University of Coventry's occupational therapy and built environment courses.