

Francis Crick Institute

Named after Francis Crick, the scientist who helped discover the structure of DNA, the institute is an ambitious collaboration of six founding research partners: the Medical Research Council, Cancer Research UK, Wellcome Trust, UCL (University College London), Imperial College London and King's College London.

The world-class biomedical research facility aims to discover how and why disease develops in order to find new ways to prevent, diagnose and treat conditions such as cancer, heart disease and stroke, as well as infections and neurodegenerative conditions. Located in central London, the steel, glass and terracotta clad building occupies a full city block and creates strong architectural links to historic local buildings. Large cantilevered bay windows and tall glass atria reduce the building's impact at street level and maintain natural light in workspaces and public areas. The challenge for Allgood on this project was to create an ironmongery specification in keeping with the facility's elite standards.

The Contego range is an antimicrobial copper product, made from a copper alloy, giving it the appearance of stainless steel while incorporating the bacteria fighting qualities of copper.

Killing 99.9% of bacteria within minutes of exposure, the range offered a unique functional capability to the research centre, while still matching the interior aesthetic. Contego lever and pull handles were supplied to glass doors including: office and lab doors, while push plates were supplied to the auditorium and back of house areas. Additionally, Allgood Secure supplied automatic door operators to the main entrances of the labs, with fob readers fitted for Contego lever handles in higher security areas.

