

Hard wired alarms for student housing

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A student housing provider – the London Student Group – has installed Kidde Fyrnetics hard-wired smoke, heat and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms in its range of five and six bedroom shared HMO accommodation.

Each property has been fitted with Kidde Fyrnetics Slick alarms using wireless interconnect. Every bedroom now has its own smoke alarm, as well as circulation areas, and there are heat alarms in communal living areas and kitchens. In addition, Kidde Fyrnetics hard-wired CO alarms with digital displays are installed on each floor.

“This project aimed to meet two objectives,” said London Student Group’s CEO Rob Hunter. “We wanted to be the first multi-site ‘off street’ landlord in London to be accredited under the AFS Unipol Code, an accreditation scheme operated by Unipol, the main UK student housing charity, and Accommodation For Students – the main UK student accommodation search engine – which we have now achieved. We also acted in advance of an anticipated additional

licensing scheme to be imposed by the local council under Section 56 of the Housing Act 2004, as we are always keen to stay ahead of the game.

“We chose Kidde for its reputation and, crucially, because of the high quality technical telephone support offered when we did our pre-ordering research. Our decision proved to be the right one and the products have been a success. They were easy to install and commission, and look great – fitting into our ethos of providing robust, quality housing and anticipating higher standards to come. The fast-fit system onto wireless bases also allows us flexibility to deal with any future changes.”

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