

In tune with care home's eclectic style

Polyflor safety flooring has helped create beautiful, homely interiors for the Winchcombe Place care home in Newbury.

The interior of the 80-bed care home was designed by The Drawing Room Interiors of Solihull, with specialist furniture and vintage displays from YTM Furniture. Polysafe Wood fx PUR decorative safety vinyl

flooring features in the reception area, dining room, and hair salon.

Polyflor said: "The European Oak 3347 shade creates a welcoming, inspirational, and comfortable atmosphere which complements the eclectic style of the communal areas. The flooring's replication of natural materials and homely appearance helped create a stylish environment that complements the historical artefacts on display. These reflect the local history of the site and community, and offer visual cues to aid reminiscence for dementia residents."

The collaborative effort between The Drawing Room Interiors and YTM Furniture was awarded a SBID International Design Award for New Build and Development.

Polysafe Wood fx was chosen 'as a safe but attractive flooring option that would cater for residents with a wide range of needs'. A hard-wearing sheet vinyl flooring 'combining the authentic reproduction of wood, with sustainable wet slip resistance', it incorporates a cross-linked and UV-cured PUR polyurethane reinforcement which simplifies maintenance and cleaning.



Award-winning flooring for new facility



Rubber flooring from nora systems that won both a Building Better Healthcare Award 2014 and an Architects' Journal Award the same year – and selected in this instance particularly for its high durability and hygienic properties – has been installed in the new Wokingham Medical Centre.

Originally a 1980s office block, the Medical Centre has recently been transformed into a modern, stylish building, with simple and minimalist clinical spaces. Barbara Weiss Architects have been mindful of the town's existing style of buildings in creating a building that is both in-keeping contextually, and provides a practical public medical facility.

To comply with standards, and achieve the desired atmosphere for the interior, a combination of different materials were used, including nora systems' rubber flooring; noraplan uni flooring features throughout the medical areas and stairwells.

nora systems said: "Due to their dense vulcanised surface, nora rubber floor coverings fit perfectly in this type of installation, as they create a comfortable, hygienic, and anti-bacteriostatic environment. nora products have very low abrasion, and do not require any coatings throughout their lifetime."

Mobile hospital writing desk launched

David Bailey Furniture Systems has introduced a new mobile writing desk – which can be used by nurses and other hospital ward staff to take notes at patients' bedsides – to its popular Healthline range of fitted healthcare furniture.

The company said: "In most hospitals, nurses are not allowed to sit on patients' beds for health and safety reasons, so have difficulty taking notes in ward areas. The idea is that one hospital writing desk will be used per each 4-6 bed-bay ward."

Trevor Gillman, David Bailey Furniture Systems' MD, said: "We are always looking to design and create new



products to improve and enhance the healthcare environment. The prototype we designed and manufactured has already been very well received by customers we have presented it to, and we are looking forward to the response following our UK launch."

'Wow factor' for the Walton Centre

Working with key stakeholders from the Trust, and the interior design team at Gilling Dod Architects, Teal has equipped the new Sid Watkins Building, part of the Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust, with 'innovative and bold' furniture to create 'an exciting first impression wow factor'.

Delivered under ProCure21+ by Interverve Construction, the building provides specialised inpatient rehabilitation, outpatient care, education and training facilities, office space, and relatives' overnight accommodation.

Teal said: "The furniture creates a bright,

contemporary, non-clinical feel, and coordinates with the bold palette created as part of the interior design strategy."

Ground floor atrium entrance areas feature 'Virtuoso' high and low-back chairs, with dual tone fabrics and button back styling. Public waiting and sitting areas incorporate 'Christie' chairs and matching two-seaters, soft edge tables, and 'Donnington' circular seating, in fabrics that coordinate with the colours and artworks within the building.

Patient bedrooms house the 'Buddy' day bed, 'ideal for family sleepovers', while pain management areas, patient bedrooms, and



independent living apartments, also incorporate the 'Velvare' ergonomic patient recovery chair, with pressure management seat and stylish walnut legs. 'Adeo' visitor chairs feature in patient bedrooms, while pain management areas incorporate 'Apollo' high-back patient chairs and bariatric models.

Resilient, with 'space-age shapes'

Pineapple Contracts' new Ryno dining and lounge furniture products 'combine exciting modern design, high levels of safety, and cutting-edge British manufacturing'.

The company said: "The range was developed in response to a need for highly resilient furniture which doesn't look like purely functional equipment. The polyethylene material – available in eight vibrant colours – is inherently antimicrobial, and easy to clean.

"The 'space-age' shapes are both easy

on the eye, and designed to minimise gripping points, making the products difficult to pick up or throw. For extra challenging environments, additional weighting can be added (75 kg with the lounge chair). For public areas requiring immovable furniture, the products may be linked together, or floor-fixed."

Ryno products are fire-retardant (conforming to BS 5852:2006 ignition source 5), and strength tested to simulate 100 years' use. The lounge chair is suitable for bariatric use.



Proven in testing environments

With the products having 'proven their resilience and reliability in some of the world's most testing environments', Altro has increased the warranty, sustained slip resistance, and life expectancy, on its 2.5 mm safety flooring ranges.

Altro Designer 25, Altro Unity 25, and Altro Classic 25, now come with a 20-year warranty and 25-year life expectancy, and sustained slip resistance.

Altro says its 2.5mm safety flooring provides 'a supreme standard of durability'. The company said: "The extra 25% thickness makes it significantly more robust than 2 mm safety flooring, with resistance to impact damage, mechanical and physical damage, and point loading, and enhanced durability."

Alongside offering resistance to foot and wheeled traffic, the flooring is said to be more resilient to torque, which passes through the wheels of trolleys, and is partially absorbed by, and dissipated through, the flooring. Other features include enhanced chemical resistance, and the ability to cope well with moisture and temperature extremes.

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