

## Beaconsfield East Dementia Ward at Hillingdon Hospital



In need of a floor covering that had a homely, nonclinical feel combined with effective slip resistance, GBS Architects installed 590m<sup>2</sup> of Forbo Flooring Systems' Surestep Wood Decibel in a rehabilitation ward for older adults, as part of the Beaconsfield East Dementia Care Project. Using a grant received from the Department of Health Capital Investment initiative, the Hillingdon Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust refurbished the Beaconsfield East Ward, which won the Best Internal Environment Award at the Building Better Healthcare Awards 2014. The 20 bed rehabilitation ward for older adults, many of whom have dementia, was organised into four by four bed bays and four single rooms, with additional reception, sensory areas and utility service areas – all of which had Forbo's Surestep Wood Decibel installed. Georgia Burt, Architect from GBS Architects, commented on the project: "We wanted to create a dementia-friendly and physical environment that would enhance the healing experience of patients and their carers. We therefore worked closely with the staff at Beaconsfield East Ward and patient families to achieve this. When it came to choosing a suitable floor covering, the selection was made by a number of design team members, therapists, cleaners and patients to really meet the individual's requirements. "During the initial design development stage we hosted a drop in event where we invited people, such as patients and carers, to view the design concepts and comment on the products that were chosen. Throughout the event, Forbo gave us a large piece of the Surestep Wood Decibel for the display, which helped our visitors experience the quality and look of the floor. Georgia concluded: "We've used Forbo on projects for over two decades now as they have an innovative product portfolio and reliable, knowledgeable representatives who are specialists in their field."

Location	London
Architect	GBS Architects

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