

Project:

Naomi House

Location:

Basingstoke

Interior Designer:

Building Surveying & Project
Management Ltd

Flooring Material:

Marmoleum, Allura, Eternal, Flotex
and Step

Design Reference:

Marmoleum Real fresco blue 3055,
Marmoleum Striato colourstream
5221, Surestep Laguna slate blue
181052 and tender 181182, Flotex
Vision cobblestone 000348, Allura
Wood waxed oak W60063 and Eternal
Digitally printed vinyl



Forbo flooring systems supply materials that helped to modernise children's hospice

When Naomi House Children's Hospice underwent a substantial refurbishment, it was in need of a stimulating and calming environment for children that also addressed key areas such as infection control. Such specific flooring requirements meant that they called upon Forbo Flooring Systems and its integrated portfolio of products to help transform the building.

David Golland of Building Surveying & Project Management Ltd managed the partial demolition and rebuild of the hospice, he said: "I have worked with Forbo on many projects over a long period of time so I have a good relationship with them. They were very helpful in assisting in the selection of appropriate products, including Marmoleum Striato, Flotex Vision and Eternal.

"One area that worked very well was the corridor. The building is built on a curve so it was important to find a product that made a feature visually whilst working well practically. It was suggested that we try Marmoleum Striato, which has stripes like a children's crayon picture. It looks great and now makes a real statement."

A particularly calming atmosphere has been created in an area used by parents visiting using Flotex Vision. David said: "The cobblestone patterns are in a quiet seating area where parents can take a break and enjoy the views of the garden. The area has full height glazing so the cobblestone effect Flotex flooring 'brings the outside, inside'. This flooring is fully washable but has the look and feel of carpet so was ideally suited to creating a comfortable environment."

Flotex is very durable as it's made from 70 million nylon fibres that not only ensure excellent sound absorption properties, it also captures

allergens and fine dust from the air. It then effortlessly releases these to standard cleaning appliances, making it extremely easy to clean.

In the bathrooms footsteps, bubbles and a dolphin design were created using Surestep Laguna. These patterns mean that children with sometimes-profound disabilities can recognise the imagery and enjoy the features. Surestep Laguna was specified because of its safety features. It combines barefoot and footwear slip resistance and maintains its fresh and clean appearance as well as minimising chances of slipping.

The various products used meant that the numerous objectives, for example safety, infection control and design throughout the building could be met. David said: "This project is life-changing for those children and families who will use the hospice over the next twenty plus years. The flooring is a vital part in creating the right feel in what might otherwise have appeared institutional. I am very proud to have worked on this project and it is a highlight of my career."

Mark Smith, Chief Executive of Naomi House said: "A key part of the project design brief was to balance the clinical needs of a modern hospice, particularly those relating to infection control, whilst creating a homely environment for the children and their families who use the building. The age of the children who use the facility range from 0-18 so the interior design needed to suit all age groups. The team at Forbo worked with Naomi House to select a variety of floor coverings for the different parts of the building, creating innovative design solutions whilst satisfying the requirements of infection control which has resulted in a fabulous interior which is enjoyed and admired by all who use it."



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