



Colchester General Hospital given clean bill of health thanks to Altro Surfaces

Altro Whiterock, Chrysalis and AltroGuard

Cleanliness in hospitals is always top of the agenda for health organisations, politicians and the British press. So when Colchester General Hospital decided to refurbish its pharmaceutical areas, the surfaces it chose needed to be safe, hygienic and easy to maintain. The hospital turned to interior surfaces specialist, Altro, to provide the most suitable flooring, walling, ceilings and door sets.

Altro Whiterock was chosen for the walls. This product is a semi-rigid PVCu wall cladding that is hygienic, low maintenance and easy to clean – it can be wiped down, steam cleaned or even pressure hosed to retain its original cleanliness. In addition, it also has excellent impact and chemical resistance and is easy to clean.

On the floors, Altro's Chrysalis was installed. A hard-wearing smooth covering, with subtle and abstract patterns, the flooring is easy to clean and maintain due to its permanent PUR finish, making it ideal for a hospital's busy pharmaceutical areas. The hospital chose a number of different shades of colours for the flooring.

Even the doors are specifically designed for a healthcare environment. The Altro door and frame sets were manufactured to the hospital's individual specification, with solid timber core encapsulated by Altro Whiterock PVC and including formed edges, stainless steel hinges, vision panels and an interlock locking system. The door sets are hygienic, low maintenance, and have excellent impact resistance.

To top the pharmaceutical areas off, the ceilings have been given a fresh breath of life with a coating of AltroGuard. The system can be applied over most surfaces to give protection against bacteria in areas where hygiene is of paramount importance. The coating is durable and easy to maintain and includes AltroSan, an integral biocide that helps to keep the surface bacteria free and has been independently proven to inhibit the growth of MRSA.

"It's really important to us that we do everything we can to keep cleanliness levels up to a high standard and this was a key factor in choosing new surfaces and doors for our pharmaceutical areas. We needed coverings that would enable us to carry out our work, knowing that a high level of hygiene and cleanliness is being maintained. Altro's products hit the mark on this."

Monica Douch, Quality Assurance Pharmacist at Colchester General Hospital

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