Bristol Royal Infirmary steps up safety with Altro Aquarius

Altro Aquarius™, Altro Whiterock™

Altro Aquarius safety flooring is providing a superb level of slip resistance in both wet and dry areas for patients and staff at the Bristol Royal Infirmary.

Altro Aquarius was developed for lasting performance in wet and dry, shoes or barefoot. Achieving a PTV ≥50 and Class B to DIN51097 for barefoot use, Altro Aquarius provides optimum lifetime sustained slip-resistance in wet and dry environments. This makes the product ideal for healthcare applications.

Altro Aquarius has been installed throughout a newly-refurbished ward at the hospital, performing in both wet and dry conditions in the unit’s shower and toilet area.

A spokesperson from the Estates team at the hospital commented: “The shower and toilet area on the ward incorporates a wet room as well. This means that the floor is constantly going from wet to dry, which has serious safety implications. Patients can be frail and therefore unsure on their feet, they are often barefoot, or wearing slippers and the staff wear a range of soled shoes.”

In the shower and toilet areas, Altro Aquarius was installed in conjunction with Altro Whiterock hygienic wall cladding. Together, these two products are ideal for use in areas where safety and hygiene are critical and that might be used wet or dry, bare footed or wearing shoes.
At Bristol Royal Infirmary, Altro Aquarius and Altro Whiterock were installed by English County Contracts. David Stephens, the Contracts Director, said: “The hospital ward was the ideal scenario to fit Altro Aquarius. The product’s unique ability to offer complete slip-resistance in all conditions, with any type of footwear, is very impressive. We installed 210m² of Altro Aquarius alongside 250m² of Altro Whiterock wall cladding. Both are very easy products to work with, even in confined spaces.

“We also used AltroFix™ 19 Plus, to fix the Altro Aquarius in place. This is a solvent and water-free, two-part polyurethane adhesive that is resistant to water.”

As with all hospitals, ongoing cleaning and maintenance are top priorities for the Bristol Royal Infirmary. Altro Aquarius features Altro Easyclean Maxis PUR™ technology, which means it’s both easy and cost effective to clean, while still looking good long-term.

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