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Crosslet House is a 90 resident, ultra-modern complex that includes a dementia unit and day care facility. Owned and managed by West Dunbartonshire Council (WDC), built by Morgan Sindall and delivered as part of the Hub Project in Scotland, the new facility is the result of a multi-million dollar investment by WDC to replace six residential homes and four existing day care centers for seniors.

In creating Crosslet House, WDC has responded to the growing population of seniors with dementia with an innovative approach to the management of senior living communities. It has undertaken a significant amount of research around the use of space and color to assist those with dementia. Crosslet House's 'home for life' mission statement means that providing comfort, support and dignity are paramount.

The primary aim was to create a facility designed to meet the specific needs of people with dementia, removing many of the stresses and obstacles that can make the disease so frightening. Where individuals with dementia often experience challenges in navigating their environment, WDC used four primary colors to designate 'houses', helping residents identify their own home. The entire building is color coded to ensure it meets dementia design criteria.

After reviewing their options, Crosslet House specified a package of Altro floor and wall solutions to help create a supportive and comfortable environment for its residents. "We are very impressed with the hygiene capabilities of the (Altro) floors and walls," stated Rhona Aitken, Crosslet House Support Services Manager. "Cleaning couldn't be easier; our regime has kept it all looking as pristine and fresh and it did a year ago. The Altro products are certainly delivering the non-clinical feel we wanted to achieve, and it's fantastic to see residents feeling so at home here."

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