

Altro sets clinical standard for new medical centre

Altro Wood Safety[™], Altro Walkway[™] 20 SD, Altro Whiterock Chameleon[™], Altro Fortis[™] corner protection

Altro's flooring and wall cladding systems are proving their clinical capabilities in a new state-of-the-art primary healthcare facility in Maidstone, Kent, where safety and infection control are paramount.

Redeveloped from an existing building by main contractor Willmott Dixon Interiors, Albion Place Medical Centre combines a local GP practice with services provided by Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership, plus an on-site pharmacy.

The three-storey medical centre – procured by specialist medical facility developer GPIC Ltd – was designed by GDM Architects. Senior architect Ben Jugoo says, "We chose Altro's range of products because of their suitability for clinical environments in terms of safety and hygiene. They also offer a great range of colours, tones and textures, which gives us the flexibility to create an appealing, modern, design-led environment, while keeping within strict health guidelines.

For the circulation spaces on all three floors of the medical centre, and on the staircase, Ben and his team selected Altro Wood Safety. "We have specified this product before for a medical facility and it proved very successful," says Ben.

Altro Walkway 20 SD (static dissipative) safety flooring, was chosen for the computer server room. To minimise the damage from trolleys and buggies in circulation areas, GDM specified Altro Fortis corner protection for all external corners in the building.

"Equipment banging into walls can quickly cause scuffs and worse damage, so we wanted to give corners a tough extra layer," explains Ben. For the medical centre's showers and hand basin splashbacks, GDM opted for Altro Whiterock Chameleon. Altro Whiterock and Altro Fortis were installed at the medical centre by Goss Environmental Coatings. Managing director George Goss comments: "Altro's excellent customer service and reliability helped the project to go very smoothly."





The Altro flooring was installed in the new medical centre by Maurice Blackman Contract Floors and Walls. Matt Horton, Project Surveyorfor main contractor Willmott Dixon Interiors, says: "The finished results look very good in terms of finish and over quality. Both Willmott Dixon Interiors and the client are delighted with the outcome."

The medical centre's Practice Manager, Sue Smith, comments: "The new practice building is a huge step up for us compared with our old premises. We now have a modern, bright, comfortable environment that's a pleasure to be in for both staff and patients. Cleaning is easy and we have had no issues with keeping the flooring and walling throughout the practice looking like new. Overall we are thrilled with our new space."

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